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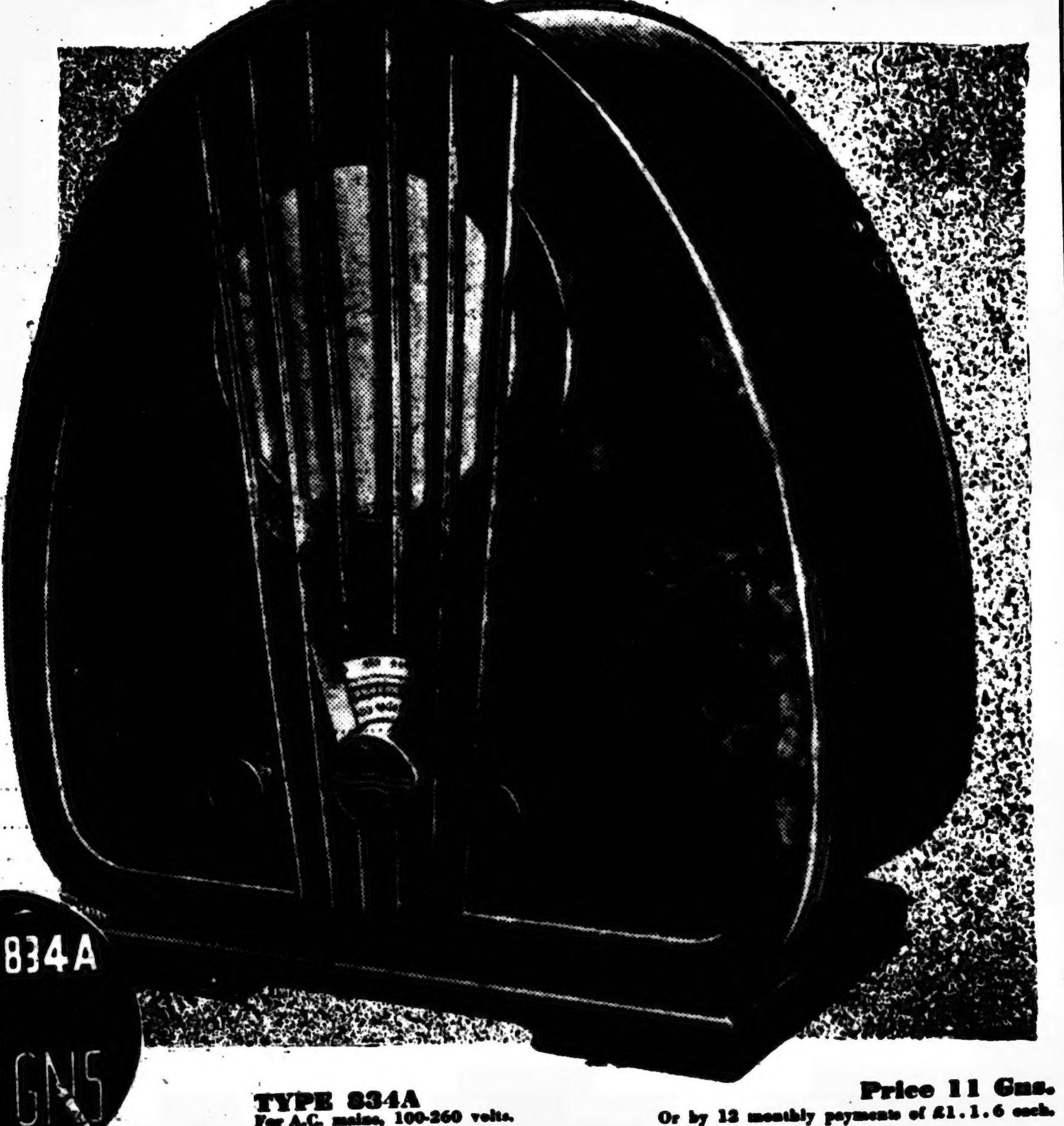

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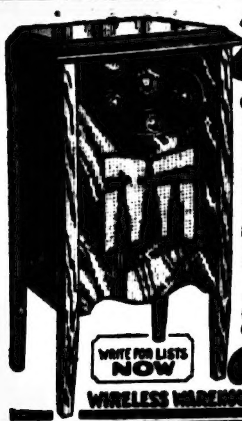

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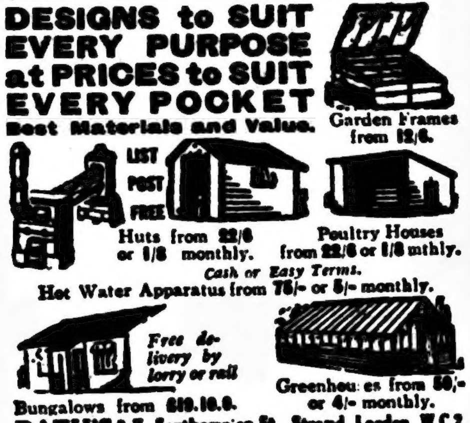

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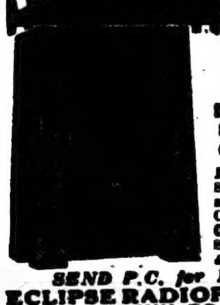

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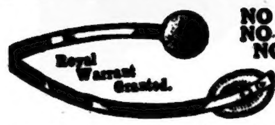

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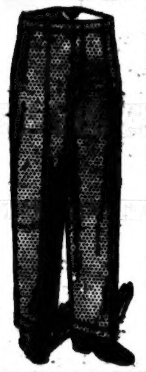

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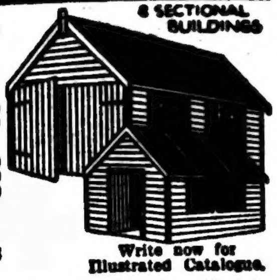

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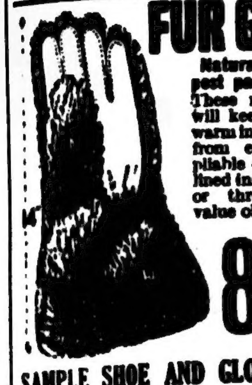

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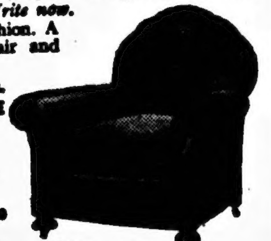

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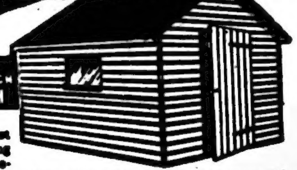

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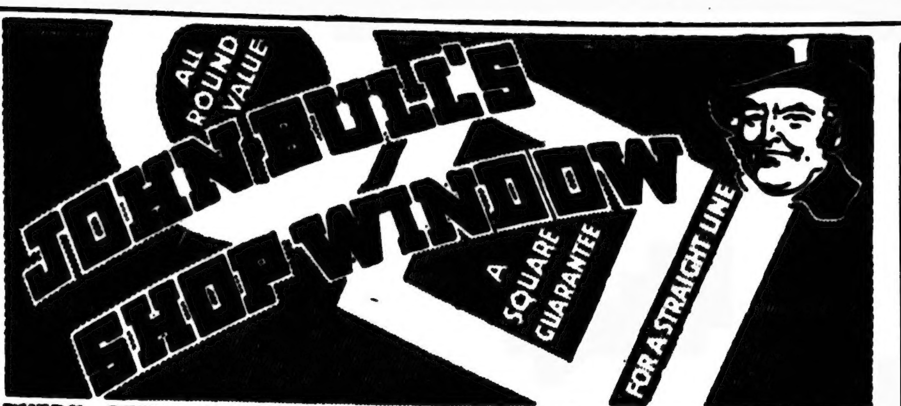

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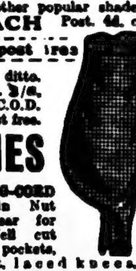

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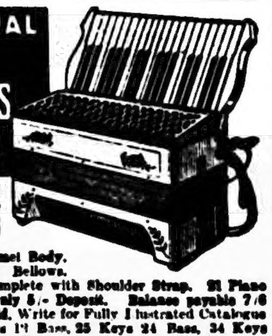

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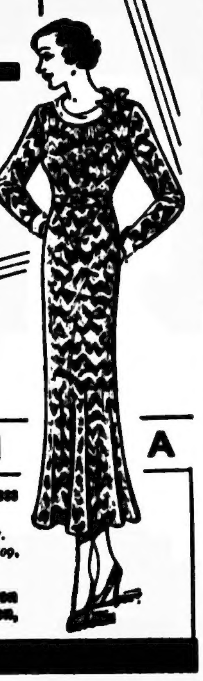

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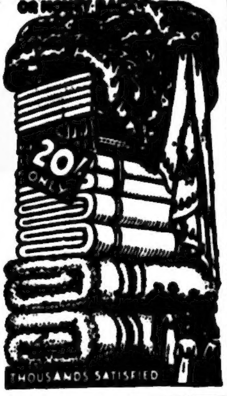

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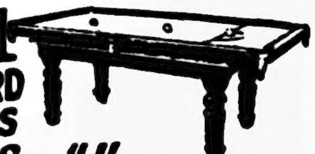

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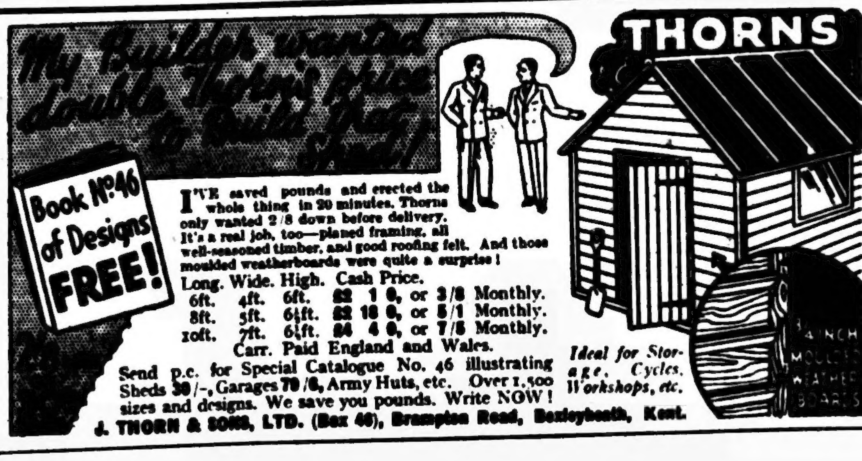
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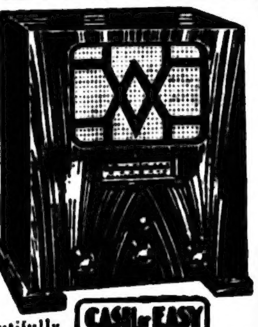

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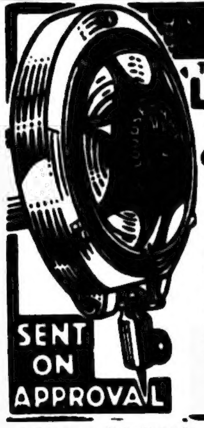

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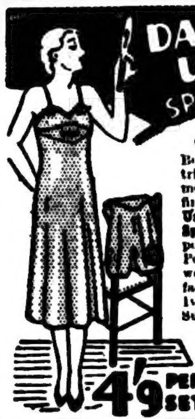

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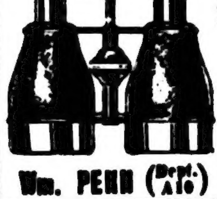

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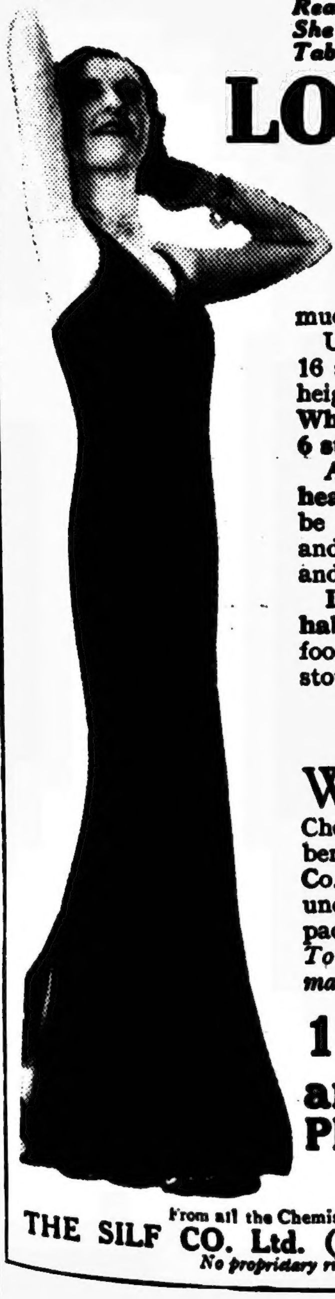

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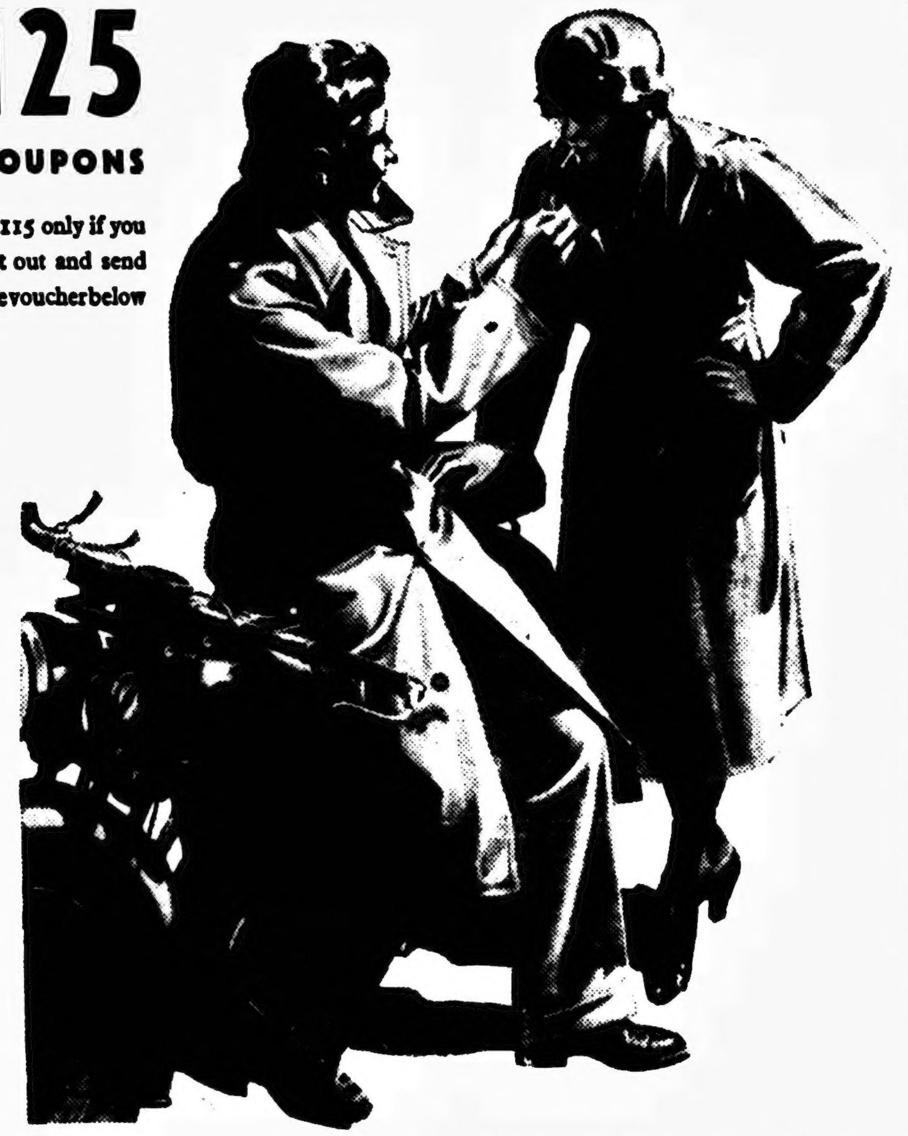

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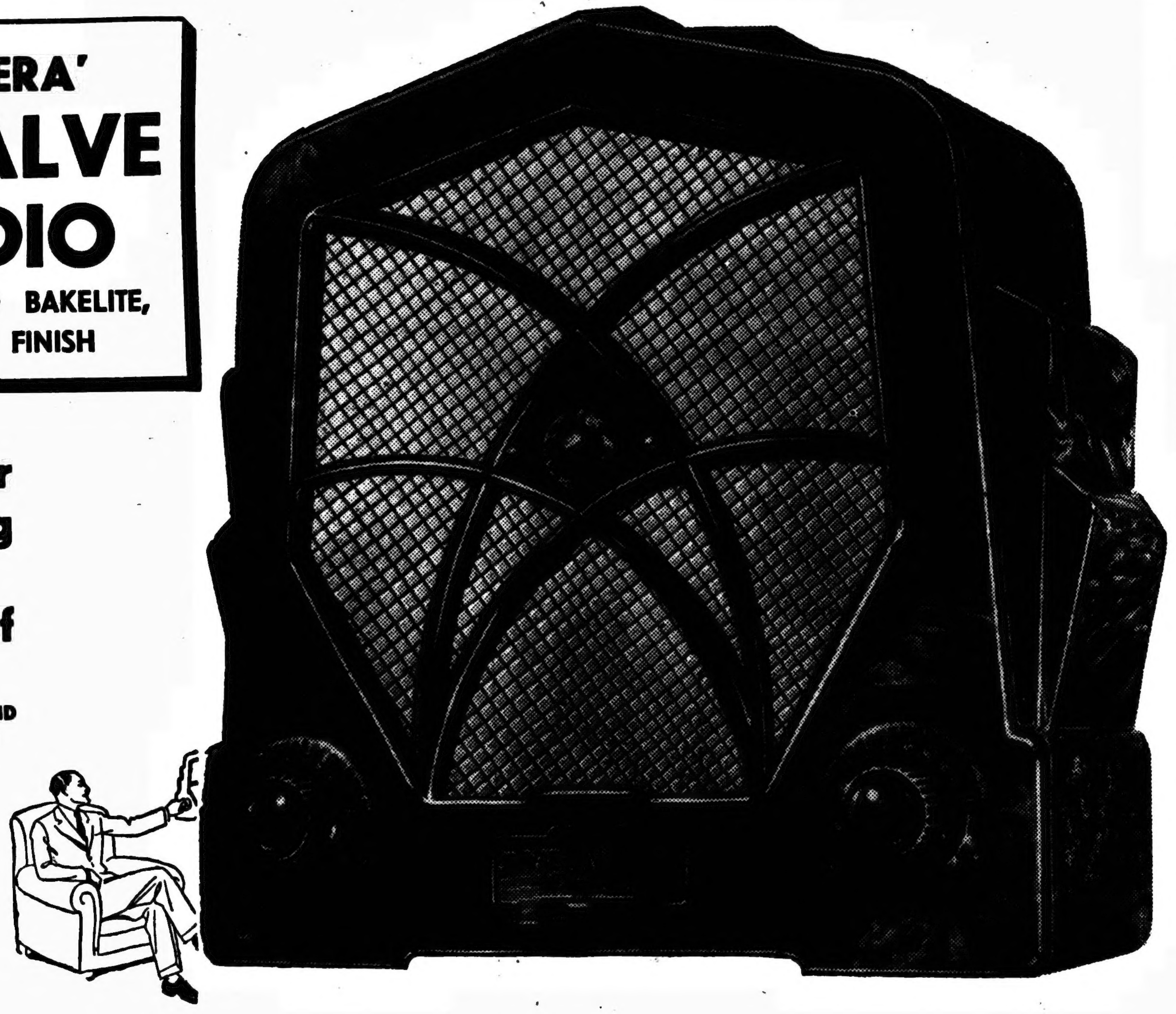

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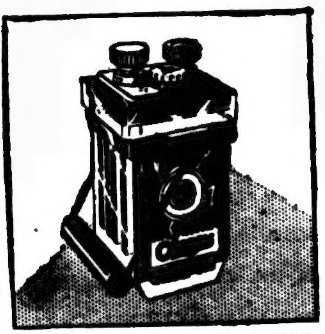

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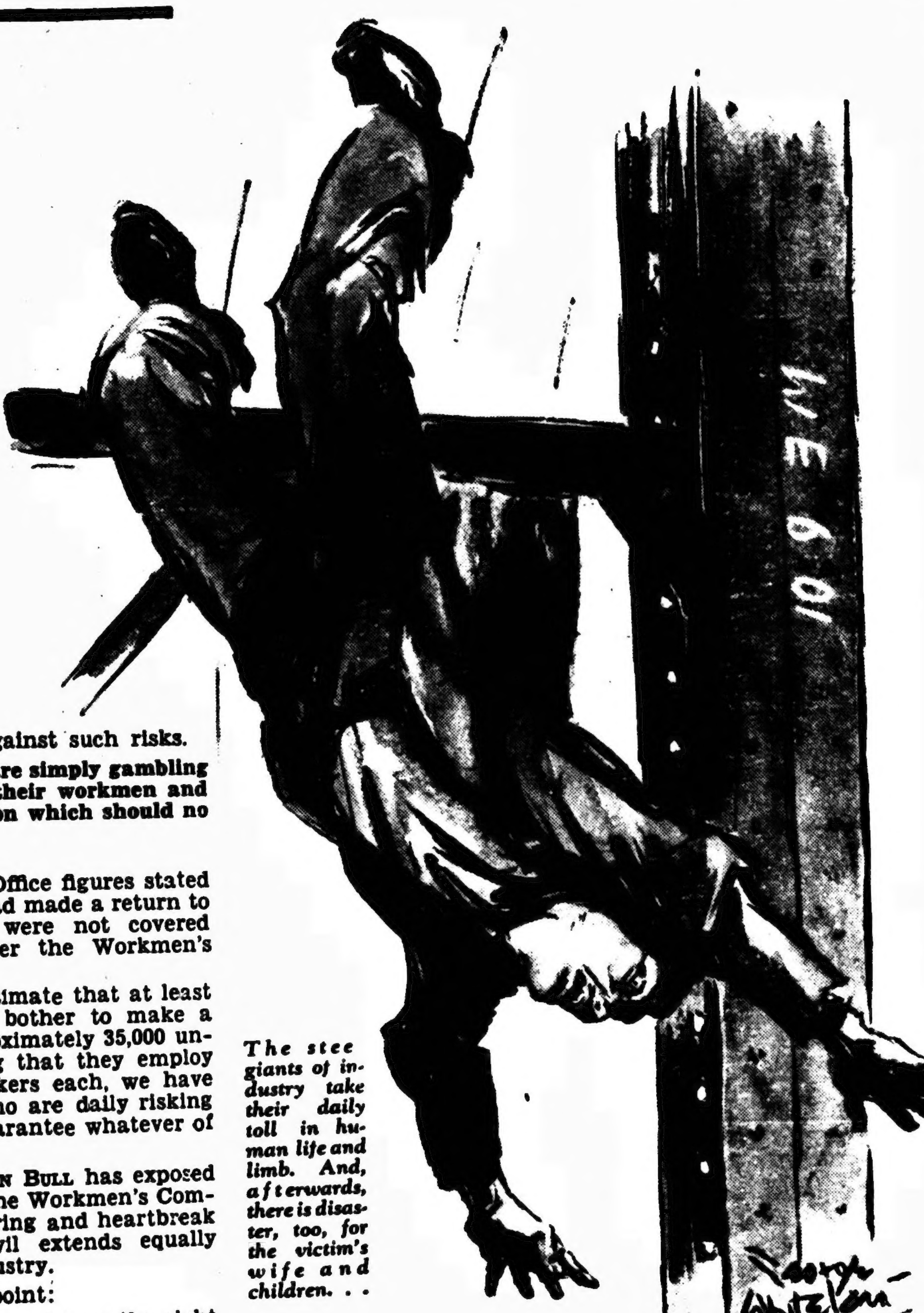


*The steel giants of industry take their daily toll in human life and limb. And, afterwards, there is disaster, too, for the victim's wife and children. . .*

THERE are scores of thousands of men who go about their daily work in this country, not only at their own dire peril, but to the jeopardy also of the very existence of their wives and children.

They are the vast army of workers whose employers are too thoughtless, too reckless or too mean to cover themselves against accident risks to their workmen.

For the past few years, due partly perhaps to financial stringency, more and more employers have been taking advantage of the fact that the law as it stands does not compel them to insure themselves against such risks.

**Many of these employers are simply gambling with the lives and future of their workmen and their families. It is a situation which should no longer be tolerated.**

THE last published Home Office figures stated that 17,673 employers had made a return to the effect that they were not covered against their liabilities under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Competent authorities estimate that at least as many employers did not bother to make a return, so that we have approximately 35,000 uninsured employers. Assuming that they employ an average of only two workers each, we have thus a total of 70,000 men who are daily risking life and limb without any guarantee whatever of compensation.

Time and time again JOHN BULL has exposed the scandalous omissions of the Workmen's Compensation Acts, and the suffering and heartbreak they have caused. The evil extends equally through every branch of industry.

Here are a few cases in point:

A Liverpool boiler scaler was hit in the right eye during his work by a piece of scaling. He subsequently became completely blind in the injured eye. The courts awarded him 30s. a week for the first few months after his accident and then 10s. a week during his partial incapacity.

His employers were not insured. For a few months they continued to pay the compensation and then suddenly went bankrupt. Since the proceedings the injured man has been unable to secure a penny piece, nor will he ever be able to do so, although he is now incapacitated for the rest of his life.

NEXT, a man employed by a Manchester building contractor was so shockingly injured that he was left a helpless cripple for life. The courts awarded the man £1,500. It afterwards transpired that the employer had an insurance limit of only £1,000.

Even then the insurance company declined to pay out, as gross negligence was proved against the employer.

When the injured man's solicitors pressed the employer he went into liquidation. The crippled workman got less than £100 from the wreck.

Again, a North Wales steel company had six men injured, three of them incapacitated for life.

## Without Fear or Favour

This firm also had a limited insurance, less than one-fifth of the total court awards to the injured men. This firm went forthwith also into liquidation and the men have not received a further penny.

A sixteen-year-old horse lad on a Yorkshire farm was so injured during his work that his right leg had to be amputated. This happened in 1927. The courts awarded him 17s. 9d. a week. The farmer who employed him was not insured. For some time he continued to pay the weekly compensation to the injured lad, and then suddenly declared his inability to pay any more and filed his petition.

The lad's claim has just been settled. It was proven against the employer's estate at £950. Actually the lad has received a total of £185 13s. 8d. to compensate him for his lost leg.

A labourer on an Essex farm was even less lucky. For his injuries which have left him a cripple he was awarded 21s. 11d. a week. The farmer employer was, of course, not insured. For a few weeks only he paid the compensation, and then went bankrupt. There were no effects, so the injured man got nothing.

These cases are taken at random from many hundreds. We mention that fact for the following reason:

In the early part of this year, when a determined attempt was made in Parliament to get the Act amended to make it compulsory for all employers to insure against compensation claims, the Government spokesman resisted the measure on the grounds that only the coal mining industry suffered from this type of employer and that the position was not so bad in other trades.

IT should have been obvious, even to a Front Bench mind, that the loophole in the Act was causing widespread hardship to workers in every trade.

Even the Government's own figures should have made that clear.

Last year, for instance, 2,413 *uninsured* employers were called upon to pay compensation.

They were not all in the mining industry!

**Thus, in one year, at least 2,413 injured workers were absolutely dependent on their employer's financial stability for compensation awarded them by the courts.**

If their employer turns out to be a man of straw, and they themselves are so crippled that they are debarred from earning a living elsewhere—well, so much the worse for them and their families.

THERE should be little need to consider further a grievance which so obviously, and for so long, has cried aloud for remedy.

A simple Act of Parliament to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act would end it at once.

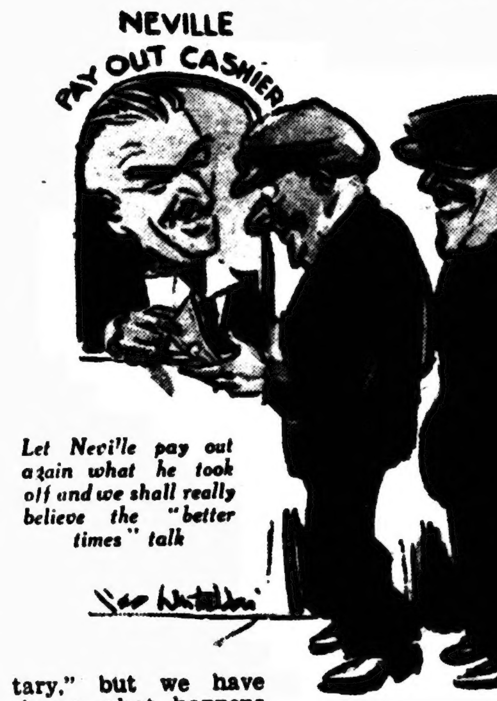
By permitting the measure the Government would bring the bad employer in line with the good employer. It would earn the thanks of every worker and every good employer and—not least, perhaps, the insurance companies, to whom 17,000 new if rather unwilling customers would be a pleasant surprise.

## STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER . . .

# The Proof of "Better Times" WE Want to See

## A New Lunacy Peril

### Blunt Words to P.M.G.



*Let Neville pay out again what he took off and we shall really believe the "better times" talk*

WE are being told that things are looking brighter. (It is time they did!)

Figures are being produced to support the optimism. Exports were up £6.000,000 last month, compared with those of a year ago And unemployment is supposed to be down by over 600,000.

Mr Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, has told us we are now the strongest financial country in the world. Our credit is almost as good as it was pre-war.

Attention has even been called to the fact that Preston Unemployed Football League had to cancel a lot of its matches because the players were working at the docks.

### *Restore the cuts!*

Well, this is all very encouraging, if true. But we are quite aware that figures are funny things. In the hands of politicians the same set of figures can mean many things, according to the impression it is desired to create.

But, granted that these figures do mean what the optimists claim; and that our country is the "strongest financially" in the world. What then?

Surely it is the right moment for Mr. Neville Chamberlain to think of restoring the unemployment cuts in part, if not in whole.

### *Not justified now*

These cuts were emergency measures. The country accepted them only because it was told that we were facing financial disaster. They could not be justified in any other circumstances. They certainly are not justified now, if Mr. Runciman is speaking the truth.

If the emergency is over, then the need for the emergency measures is over too. Mr Chamberlain must realise that in the return to prosperity the replacement of the unemployment benefit cuts must come first, not last, in the march of events.

We confess that so long as these cuts remain we shall be sceptical of "better times" whatever figures may be produced.

### *New lunacy sensation*

The peril of the unfit!

That is a subject we have heard a lot about lately, thanks largely to the lunacy bosses who never tire of telling us we are rapidly becoming a nation of mental defectives!

We shall soon hear still more about it, for in a few days the Minister of Health will have before him the report of the committee of scientists he set up to advise him on whether there should be sterilisation of the mentally unfit.

He will read that sterilisation is both possible and harmless, from a surgical point of view, if properly carried out.

### *Great dangers*

We don't doubt that verdict. We don't doubt that there are people suffering from incurable mental defects who should not be allowed to bring children into the world.

But we do say there are grave dangers in this proposal from which the public must be protected.

### *Terrible tyranny*

Thanks to JOHN BULL's long campaign, the whole nation now knows that our asylums are full of people certified as mentally deficient though they are perfectly sane.

We have told, month in and month out, of people whose lives have been ruined by this terrible and utterly unjustified stigma.

Public interest in the appalling tyranny of our lunacy system has indeed become so great that no fewer than three plays exposing its horrors are now being performed on the London stage.

### *New evils*

What guarantee shall we have that the suggested system of sterilisation will not lead to new and even more inhuman evils?

True, sterilisation would be "voluntary," but we have shown, what happens to the unfortunate people who are induced to become "voluntary" patients in mental institutions, and their fate makes us the more anxious about the present proposal.

### *What must be done*

It is said that the Minister of Health is thinking of appointing a Royal Commission, representing not the expert, but the man-in-the-street, to enquire into its advantages and disadvantages.

Whatever he does, we hope he will refuse to be driven by the experts. He must give the matter the closest investigation and consideration before attempting to carry any specific proposal into law.

### *Come on, Sir Hilton!*

There is another thing the Health Minister must do—one that gives him his great chance to win the public's favour.

As we predicted, half the local councils in the country have ignored his slum clearance orders. Southampton has taken the lead in openly defying him.

Sir Hilton Young must fight these councils—and give no quarter. Otherwise he will bring the Government into deserved contempt.

### *Strange blunder*

But it's largely his own fault if his bed is a thorny one. He has actually forbidden local councils to give advice to the 500,000 tenants affected by the new Rent Restrictions Act.

What a godsend for unscrupulous landlords!

What a difficulty for perplexed tenants!

And what an astonishing blunder on the part of Sir Hilton!

### *Hard-up Sir Kingsley?*

And we have a bone to pick with Sir Kingsley Wood, the Postmaster-General.

The telephone exchange at Leith, near Edinburgh, is infested with hordes of rats and other vermin, and was condemned as insanitary more than a year ago But the Post Office refuses to do anything in the matter.

We refuse to believe that Sir Kingsley cannot spare a little of his £10,000,000 surplus to provide decent conditions for his employees.

### *The road to crime*

Probably Sir Kingsley hasn't heard about the Pontefract girl, Ethel Turner, who embezzled £2 10s. of Post Office money the other day.

So let us tell him that though she was often left in charge of a post office taking £1,000 a week, she was paid only 18s. 9d. a week for twelve hours' work a day.

Doesn't Sir Kingsley think that a fine way of encouraging crime? We do, anyway.

### *Something new*

But here is a most unusual piece of news: A woman cleaner in the military headquarters at Perth is paid 11s. 7d. for a thirty-six-hour week. We are not certain whether she is paid for public holidays or when she is away sick, or whether she gets any annual leave. Anyway, there's unfortunately nothing unusual about her low wages.

But the War Office has learnt that she would get 27s. a week if she cleaned the schools of Perth in the same working hours, so it has recommended an increase of her pay to 15s.

No doubt this will prompt some folk to demand an enquiry into the reckless squandering of public money.

### *Playing with fire*

Now let us talk about Colin Pomeroy Dick, who is twenty-two years old and behaves as though he were two.

He was described at Dover police court as a "globe-trotter and independent," but we could describe him as something else. In addition to being punished for evading Customs duties he was fined for importing a tear-gas pistol and ammunition.

Nobody should have a tear-gas pistol, not even Colin Pomeroy Dick.

### *Worth reading*

George Neighbour, of Old Windsor, has been out of work for a year. He has a wife and seven children. He has also a dog, and, not being able to pay for its licence, was summoned.

The magistrates fined him a shilling, paid it themselves and provided the 7s. 6d. for the licence.

Those are the sort of magistrates we like reading about.

### *It still goes on*

We sometimes think the war pensions scandal will not end until there are no more disabled ex-Servicemen alive.

A week ago a Bolton man died after a piece of shrapnel had been removed from near his heart. Despite this dangerous legacy of the war, his pension had been stopped in 1919, and though he since had to go into hospital he didn't receive another penny

The Ministry of Pensions may think its conscience is clear about his case. We don't.

### *Wives' debts*

Is all the talk about "sex equality" just bunk, or isn't it? It's time the question was settled.

Mr. Carlile Davies, in his presidential address to the National Chamber of Trade, said extravagant wives should be held responsible for their debts and, if necessary, made bankrupt or sent to jail.

Well, we're not for jailing the honest debtor, of either sex. But we are convinced that most married women should favour the easy alteration in the law that would leave 99 per cent. of them in exactly the same position as they are, but would punish the cheating 1 per cent. and protect their husbands.

### *Women's rights*

We know that women are essentially fair. They fought for the vote and got it. They have won the right of entry to Parliament and all the professions.

They are no longer husbands' chattels and there is no reason why they should be.

But is there any sensible reason why the married woman who runs up more debts than she can meet should not be held responsible for them? None that we can see.

### *Hospitals warned*

Long ago we protested that the "waste" collection schemes on behalf of hospitals put far more money into the pockets of private individuals than into the hospitals' coffers.

So we welcome the grave warning against these schemes that has been issued by the King Edward Fund for London.

We know that hospitals can ill afford to lose any contribution, however small, but we think this business should either be stopped entirely or placed beyond suspicion.

### *Football for all*

The Football Association has ended its long slumbers, and is now considering a really excellent scheme.

Alarmed by the decline in the standard of play, it is planning to provide coaching for every promising aspirant —village lads, factory workers, "blackcoats" in city offices. The physical training alone would be of inestimable value to the younger generation.

Go ahead, F.A.—and you will win the public's cheers!

### *Never again!*

Knowing how sparingly ammunition is issued to soldiers in training, we were staggered by the news from Rutland.

An Uppingham boy who went to the station with Oundle schoolboys after the Officers' Training Corps manœuvres dropped dead from shock after a loud explosion. A number of cartridges had been placed under the train wheel.

The inquest jury had something to say about schoolboys being allowed at large with Army cartridges, and we hope other schools will take the hint.

### *Tea tricksters*

Innumerable complaints we are receiving prove that the artful tea ramp is more widespread than ever.

Touts are going from door to door promising housewives that if they buy tea regularly from certain obscure firms they will be awarded handsome cash bonuses.

The trap is that payment is not promised on any given date, and the housewife may have to buy tea for years without getting a penny.

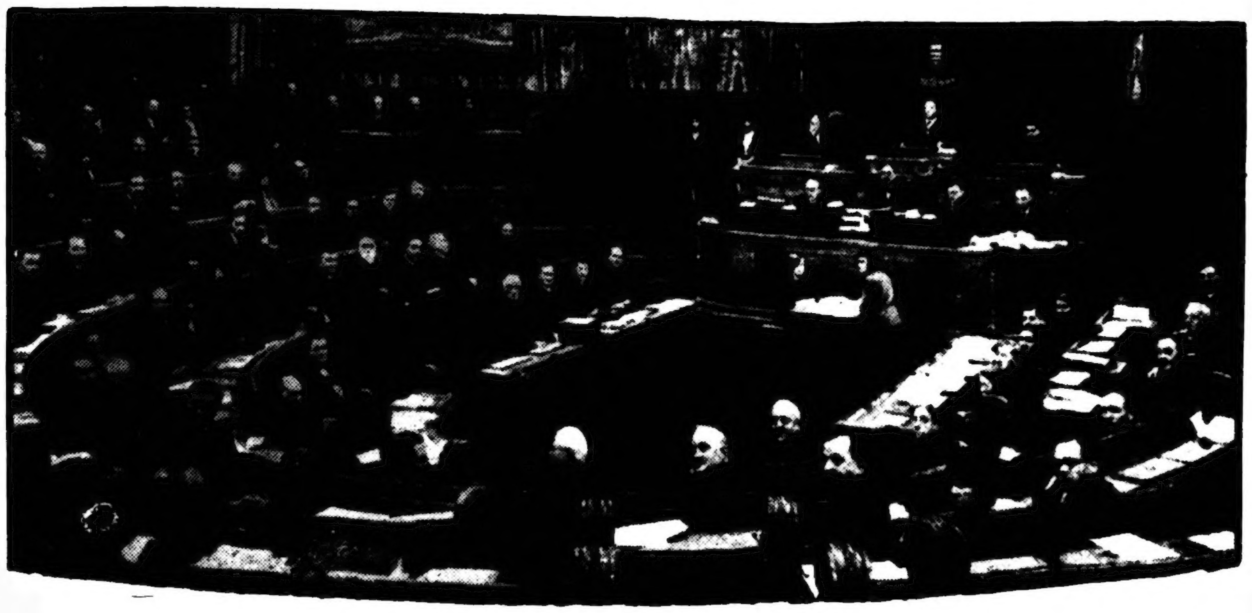
Once again we say: Ignore all such offers.

### *A quack's affairs*

We stated in an article, published in our issue of September 30, that Arthur Lewis, the notorious quack, was associated with Marylebone Laboratories, Ltd., of Walmar House, Regent Street, London, W.

We are now satisfied that Arthur Lewis, whose real name is Abraham Gittleson, has nothing whatever to do with Marylebone Laboratories, Ltd., or with Mr. Mendal Max Turner, who is the chief shareholder in the concern.

by
The Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert SAMUEL, M.P.,
*first Home Secretary in the National Government*



*London's second Parliament—members of the London County Council in session*

# The RATEPAYER'S BURDEN

"AN Englishman's home is his castle." He used to take pride in his isolation. He could pull up his drawbridge, so to speak, and shut out the world.

But consider the Englishman's home of to-day, in any town.

Connected with the world outside by its water-pipes, its gas pipes, its electric wires, its drainage, probably by its wireless set, and possibly its telephone; dependent for access upon roads and footpaths; dependent for protection upon the police, for health upon the sanitary system, for education of children upon the schools. Imagine it isolated as a castle with walls and moat, cut off from all these services and conveniences.

It is the difference between the Middle Ages and the modern world.

We are so accustomed to enjoy these services and conveniences that we take them as a matter of course. We forget that they have to be provided by someone.

We forget that they mean thinking, planning, effort on the part of somebody—on the part, indeed, of some tens of thousands of individual men and women engaged in the work of government—in Parliament, in the Ministry, in the Civil Service, in local administration; tens of thousands of elected representatives and salaried officials, without whose activities the whole of our organised system of society would collapse.

The Press does, indeed, remind us of the doings of Ministers and Members of Parliament, and the course of world events keeps them constantly in view. But the value of the work, not less necessary, of the members and the officers of local authorities is often overlooked.

I had the opportunity when I held the office of President of the Local Government Board—an office whose title has since been changed to that of Minister of Health—of coming into close touch with the work of local government throughout the country.

## Danger of laxity

I FOUND it as remarkable for its variety as for its importance, and for the self-sacrificing service it attracts as for the great results it achieves.

Very many people look upon "the rates" as being the matter of first importance, and everything else as being of quite secondary importance. I would be the last to suggest that economy in local expenditure is of little moment.

It is of very great moment. The danger of laxity is very real. When public funds are being spent there is always risk of waste. The ratepayers are right to be constantly on the alert against extravagance; to condemn, to stop and to penalise it wherever it is found.

But when that has been said, not all has been said.

You cannot maintain roads and bridges, sewers and water supplies without spending money. You cannot provide Medical Officers of Health, and Sanitary Inspectors, and Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, and thereby raise the standards of health and lower the number of deaths, without expenditure. It is better to pay rates and live than to pay none and die.

Parks, open spaces and playgrounds are really co-operative gardens. If every house could have a spacious garden of its own, that would be excellent; but since that would be too costly, the alternative is for the municipality to provide them for use in common. And they have to be paid for.

Parents cannot themselves give their children the education they need; they have not the time, and still less the capacity; they join together and provide municipal schools; and these also must be paid for.

Police are costly, but unchecked crime would be far more costly.

## Costly economy

THE sum spent by the local councils, on the average, throughout the country is no less than 13s. for every family every week. That is a great sum. No doubt it might be diminished by careful saving here and there.

But in the main it is money which it is necessary to spend. To cut it down substantially, by what is called "ruthless economy," would be found to cost in the long run, in health, in industrial efficiency, in all the elements of well-being, far more than it would save.

Of the 13s. by no means all is provided by the ratepayers. In fact, it is just one-half that comes from the citizen's pocket as ratepayer. But most of the other half comes from his other pocket as taxpayer, in the form of grants from the Exchequer to the local authorities. There is a fraction, however—about one-sixth—which is furnished by the revenue from rents and fees and the profits of municipal trading.

A reform of the rating system is undoubtedly needed.

*It is indefensible that the immense increase in the values of town lands during the last hundred years should have been allowed to go into private pockets.* Had Parliament been wise enough to secure them beforehand for the benefit of the public, the present burdens upon the ratepayer would have been small indeed.

There is no reason to think that there may not be a similar increase in land values in the future, and we of our generation will be justly blamed if we allow that neglect to continue.

There is much to be said also for a further transfer of burdens from local rates to national taxes. The rates and the taxes may be the two pockets of the citizen, but it is not quite the same citizen. Particularly is this so when we are dealing with the cost of maintaining the able-bodied unemployed who have run out of insurance. The charge, from its very nature, falls the most heavily on the districts where industry is most depressed. But the intensity of the depression is not their fault. It would be right that the burden should be distributed over the whole nation, that the cost should be met from central and not from local funds. The present Government has definitely accepted this principle, but so far it has acted upon it very incompletely in practice.

There are some parts of the work of local authorities which cost little. The planning of the towns, to which has now been added the planning of the countryside, is an example. No work is more necessary. The character of the towns that we have inherited from the nineteenth century is the proof. The roads often too narrow and their direction badly drawn; vast stretches of uniform, dull, mean streets; little provision, or none, for parks and open spaces—all this has to be redeemed by our local councils, so far as it can be redeemed, and measures taken against its repetition.

This is to be counted among their most essential duties, and fortunately it is not costly.

The provision of small holdings in the agricultural areas, and of allotments both there and in the outskirts of the towns, is another very necessary activity, which, if rightly directed, need involve little expense or none.

The destruction of slums and the provision of new houses is indeed a costly enterprise; but the State gives large assistance here, and the burden of making good the bad inheritance from the past cannot be escaped.

Of the indebtedness of local authorities a great part is really investment. It has been incurred in order to build up undertakings that bring revenue—electricity, gas, tramways and the rest.

This is not to be counted a financial burden. There are assets of greater value than the debt, and, taken as a whole, these investments are not a charge upon the rates. On the contrary, the profits they earn allow the rates to be lowered.

Still—let it be repeated—constant watchfulness is essential in order to prevent extravagance.

## Task well done

IN pressing forward constructive work on the one hand, and, on the other hand, in insisting upon financial prudence, there are duties to be done both by citizens and councillors that cannot be neglected.

It is of the first importance that the honesty and efficiency of our local authorities should be maintained at the highest level.

Their dignity and prestige should be preserved and heightened. They ought to be made attractive to men and women of high character and active public spirit, who, on their side, should not decline duties which, if they are onerous, are also most honourable.

And all such should bear in mind the saying of Emerson, "The punishment which the wise suffer, who refuse to take part in the government, is to live under the government of worse men."

Happily in Britain there are—and let us take care that there always will be—enough of the right type to ensure that, on the whole, the essential task of governing is done well.

# These are our Judges—

# THE SIX

*Dickens would have loved him—*
*The Lord Chief Justice*

*Guffaws, not giggles, for him—Mr. Justice Charles, the judge who rode on a turkey*

*Portly, perky, kindly, convivial—Mr. Justice Swift*

JUDGES. With their wigs and their robes.

Prisoners and jurors. Ushers. Policemen. Warders. Barristers and solicitors. Examinations and cross-examinations. Gaping, revelling crowds. The silting up and the sifting down of evidence. The dim, quiet, inevitable atmosphere of a panelled court. The dock. The verdict. And the sentence. . . .

A convict's cell—maybe the condemned cell. Grief-stricken homes on the one hand and the majestic march of justice on the other.

Judges. The very word itself summons up grim, forbidding pictures of crime and retribution, of Nemesis stalking along and eventually overtaking, of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But what manner of men are they—these who judge? Men of flesh and blood like the rest of us, or Beings set apart, remote and Olympian? Let us take a look at just a few of them, and let us take the youngest first.

## The screen's loss

He is Mr. Justice du Parcq, who, if he had not become a judge might easily have been a film star, so handsome and striking is his appearance.

He is only fifty-three, which is almost youthful as judges go. He has strong, clean-cut features, with a complexion that the brush of a poster artist would strive to catch. Blue eyes and strongly marked dark eyebrows. A mobile mouth and the expressive, long-fingered hands of an artist.

But the possessor of a shrewd and extraordinarily penetrating mind, and, combined with what in anyone else would be called the artistic temperament, an almost uncanny ability to weigh things up and serve them out as quickly and unerringly as an efficient grocer's assistant dealing with sugar or salt.

He was born in Jersey, and that, perhaps, has something to do with the fact that he is the sole representative of his type, with his swift-leaping brain, his untiring patience, his almost suave courtesy, his soft and melodious voice. And sometimes his sharp, frozen, unalterable decisiveness.

He was a politician, of course, like most of his judicial colleagues, and he once wrote a monumental life of Lloyd George, but always the Law called him, and chiefly the criminal law. He defended in several famous trials, including that of Podmore, the Southampton murderer, and then, comparatively early in his career came the transformation from advocate to Judge.

## Portly, perky

Not long afterwards he travelled to the Law Courts in a 'bus.

"There you are, sir," said the conductor, as the new Judge stepped off, "and if his lordship has a touch of the gout this morning, then heaven help you."

Mr. Justice du Parcq has a lively sense of humour, and, as yet, no gout.

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Turn from him in this portrait gallery of the judiciary to a picture of a wholly different type—that of Mr. Justice Swift. Rigby Swift, M.P., he was in his Conservative Parliamentary days, and a devastating M.P. he was.

If one may say so about a Judge, he is round, portly and perky, in some of his moods and appearances almost Dickensian. He defended Col. Rutherford on the charge of murdering Major Seton, when the verdict was one of "guilty, but insane," but in those days he did not use the queer little silver nasal inhaler for smelling salts which he so often uses now.

A Lancashire man, not quite sixty years old, who speaks in rather a slow and drawling manner, but into whose voice a note of almost terrifying sternness has a disconcerting habit of coming at unexpected moments.

In many ways a kindly and convivial man, who enjoys country life and likes pottering about in a poultry yard feeding the hens. Gets a kick out of presenting cups at local shows, and is by way of being a squire at Crowborough, where he lives in a long, low house overlooking the golf course.

But there is a different side to him, a side that reveals itself with the suddenness and the stinging effectiveness of a whip lash wielded with the cold mercilessness of an expert. It expresses itself in a cutting, biting sarcasm.

Take just one example of it. Two men were being tried for an offence against a girl. It was mentioned that a baby was expected.

"How interesting," said Mr. Justice Swift. "Has it been discovered by which of the two men, or is it likely to be a case of twins?"

There were certain circumstances in the case which called for discriminating treatment. The Judge refused to bind the men over, because he thought it might leave a stigma on them. So he fined them a shilling each and ordered them to remain in court until the payment was made.

Then there was a how-d'ye-do. It was an Assize court, and special books had to be obtained, officials called up, and all sorts of entries and counter-entries made before this unusual Assize procedure could be coped with and finally settled.

As you will see, Mr. Justice Swift is a man of parts, with by no means a one-track mind. It is doubtful, however, whether he has ever ridden on a turkey, as has his brother Judge, Mr. Justice Charles. But lest the R.S.P.C.A. should become agitated, that had better be cleared up at once. It was only a wooden turkey, which formed one of the steeds on a roundabout, and probably few people would have heard of this little circular expedition of Mr. Justice Charles had he not told about himself during the hearing of a case some time ago.

## Laughter-lover

This sixty-two-year-old Judge is probably one of the jolliest on the Bench. But he will not have laughter in his court. As soon as the first giggle comes from that curious crowd of court-haunters who gloat at the poor, nerve-wracked devils in the dock, the genial face of Mr. Justice Charles hardens in an instant. His tongue flicks out an icy reproof, and his suddenly steeled eyes give silent but effective orders to the ushers.

He is an entertaining companion who would just as soon quench his thirst with a tankard of honest beer as a glass of rare wine, and who would far rather have his pipe than the choicest cigar. And the pipe more often than not is loaded with thick twist.

Once he was an Oxford boxing Blue. Now he is one of the few Judges who has

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LIFE'S LIKE THAT

LIFE is very ironical. One day the sun may be a curse, and the next day a blessing. One day we pray for rain, and the next for its cessation.

It seems only yesterday that there was alarm about the low state of our reservoirs, alarm which has not been entirely dissipated in some districts. And yet to-day, taking the country as a whole, we are in greater fear of Flood.

Is there any wonder, especially with the danger season hard on our heels? And especially as Floods come soft-foot and stealthily like Fire, destroying the things we have accumulated over a lifetime, sometimes rendering homeless, and sometimes taking life?

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Few people realise how suddenly and dramatically Flood can act. Perhaps one small instance, far less tragic than many that might be given, will suffice.

It is that of a Warwickshire family—father mother and fifteen-year-old daughter—that went to bed one evening little knowing what the dark hours had in store.

They awoke to find their little home an island in a sea of water, their downstairs possessions afloat in six feet of water, their home a trap from which they could not escape except by the window.

They had to leave their home by boat in the dead of night, with the navigation itself a perilous matter, because there were so many gates and hedges to be negotiated. And all the time there was the agony of mind as to the things they were leaving behind—perhaps irretrievably ruined.

And yet that aspect was an anxiety they might have spared themselves—all because one of them had signed a coupon which you will find reprinted on page 45.

They found all the damage to their household possessions paid for because of that one precaution. And soon they were able to smile about an experience that seemed so dreadful at the time.

Life can be like that, too, if you take adequate precautions.

# JUST MEN . .

*Rails violently against crimes of violence—Sir Ernest Wild*

*Mr. Justice du Parcq—"Heaven help you," said the 'bus conductor*

*He burnt the midnight electricity —Mr. Justice Humphreys*

ever been threatened with shooting from the dock.

A very human, spectacled, big-featured and big-hearted man on whom the responsibility of his judicial tasks sometimes lies very heavily.

He was at Clifton College, and once he had to try an old Cliftonian for manslaughter. The jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," but the Judge could not help saying: "It has been a bitter thing for me to have to try you."

Few men know their mind more definitely than he. On one occasion he instructed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty" in the case of a policeman charged with perjury.

And then he said to the policeman: "You are discharged, and I hope that this will have no sort of effect upon your life as a police officer. If it does, will you please report it to me personally?"

## Tale of a hat

He has a third and equally effective method. A young woman was once sitting hatless in his courts behind counsels' seats. Mr. Justice Charles did not (as he himself might possibly phrase it) "make a song and dance about it." He just said: "It is a very good custom for men in a court of law to have their hats off and for women to have them on. I won't say any more and I am not looking in any direction."

A young woman put on her hat in record time.

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And now for another wholly contrasting type. For years Travers Humphreys was a name to conjure with, and now he is as famous a Judge as he was counsel. In one capacity or another he has been associated with a long string of famous cases—Oscar Wilde, the Thompson and Bywaters murder, the Hayley Morriss case, the Macartney and Hansen spy case, the Gutteridge murder, and a host of others. Not to mention the recent great Fire Gang case, that broke nearly all the legal records.

Whatever else Mr. Justice Humphreys does, his conduct of that latest case put the coping stone on his legal and judicial record.

Night after night he went home to his house in Ealing (within a gunshot, by the way, of the home of one of the men he sent to jail) with a case full of papers. His study lights were burning until the early hours of the morning, as he went over again and again the more complicated and involved points of the day's proceedings.

And always in the morning, exactly at the appointed moment, he would stroll across his lawn into the suburban roadway where his car stood waiting to take him back to the Old Bailey.

As everybody knows, his summing-up, with its grasp of every detail, was one of the most masterly things ever heard in a court. But nobody knows, except the electricity officials, for how many hours during the long-drawn-out hearing of that case the lights were burning in Mr. Justice Humphreys' Ealing study.

## He got a guinea

There is not much colour about this Judge. He is just a piece of sheer, quiet efficiency. But perhaps he still remembers a day at the Central Criminal Court when a prisoner was granted permission to have a "dock brief."

"I'll have that one," said the prisoner, pointing to Mr. Travers Humphreys as he then was. At the time Mr. Travers Humphreys was the Senior Treasury Counsel, and for that case he got a guinea, plus two shillings for his clerk.

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"You are a dirty blackguard." "Orgies of vice." "There is too much maudlin sentimentality." Violent, hot-blooded phrases like these sometimes pour from the lips of Sir Ernest Wild, the Recorder at the Old Bailey.

They show him as a man of deep and consuming indignations, as indeed he is. He rails against crimes of violence and punishes them almost to the full extent of the law. He denounces the carrying of arms and is wholeheartedly in favour of whipping for certain types of offence.

Yet he has a great, deep well of pity and sympathy. And perhaps not even he could count the number of criminals (many of whom he has sentenced himself) with whom he has got in touch afterwards and helped back along the road to rehabilitation.

He is like that—very human and with a make-up that is mostly contrasts. They used to come out in much the same way when he was a Member of Parliament and when he blazed away, as he often does now, at departmental methods.

Not long ago an "old lag," aged seventy-five, lay dying in a London hospital. He had spent thirty-four years of his life in jail.

One day he had been brought up once more at the Old Bailey, and Sir Ernest Wild let him off.

## "Lag" who died

Soon afterwards the old man fell ill. The Recorder heard of it, went to the hospital, sat by the bedside and eased the old convict's last hours.

And if some people criticise some of his decisions, let them hesitate long before they criticise that.

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Having started with the youngest, why not end with the Lord Chief Justice himself?

Here is a remarkable figure for you. Remarkable even in appearance. For Lord Hewart is a short little tubby man with a round and rubicund face and a strange, squeaky, high-pitched voice.

He also Dickens would have loved. A dapper, rather Bohemian club man, given to wearing a tilted tall hat which seems to reach almost as high as he does himself.

His career has been one of the romances of the law. He was "called" in 1902, when he was only thirty-two years old, but when he had already distinguished himself in journalism.

Ten years later he was a K.C. Four years after that he was a Law Officer of the Crown. And in 1922 he became Lord Chief Justice—after only twenty years of legal life.

## Big-hearted Chief

And now he is only sixty-three. His father was a Lancashire business man, and sometimes, on the Bench, you can see that strain coming out in the son. In the House of Commons he was a joy. So he was as an after-dinner speaker.

But as for law. He knows as much as half-a-dozen of most other men, and expounds it with a clarity and precision that at times seem almost inhuman.

Yet he, perhaps, is the most human of the great galaxy of legal talent of which he is the head and front.

## FEES for FLAPDOODLE

WHILE concerns like the London Commercial Employment Bureau, of 170, Finborough Road, South Kensington, carry on business, it behoves unemployed readers to be especially cautious.

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The letters he addresses to applicants in his own handwriting now are as voluminous as were those sent out in typewritten form some time ago on notepaper headed H. King and Co.

He then sought to secure sums of £2 15s. from readers in connection with homework, for which he claimed to pay from 2s. 9d. to nearly 5s. an hour.

Since that time, he has advertised announcing to people in Wiltshire and in Devonshire that he was appointing representatives in those parts.

He sought from them sums of 39s. 6d., which he described as "training fees," and he also promised permanent work with a bogus firm he called "G. Nelson and Co."

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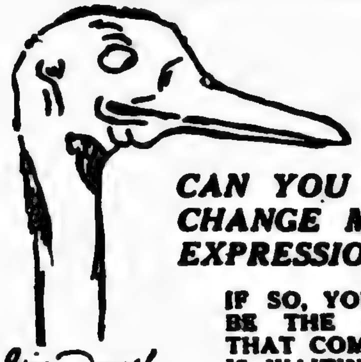

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# The Tory Crack Widens

### by A. G. GARDINER

*Most formidable of the attackers is Mr. Churchill . .*

THE batch of by-elections that is imminent will probably provide some unpleasant shocks for the National Government. Labour is so under-represented on the basis of the votes cast at the General Election that any change at the by-election is tolerably certain to be in its favour.

But it is not the strength of Labour which is the chief menace to the Government.

That menace comes from within the Government, or rather from the benches behind the Government. For a long time past there have been rumblings of revolt among the Conservative Party, and the discontents have reached a point that seriously threatens the existence of the Government.

The causes are not far to seek. The present House of Commons is the most unbalanced and top-heavy structure on record. It is for all practical purposes a Parliament of one Party. Of the 615 members returned at the General Election, 556 were supporters of the National Government, and only 59 were opponents.

That is bad enough. But the real position is actually worse. For of the 556 supporters, 472 were Conservatives, and only 84 were members of the other Parties which backed the Government.

## Stolen "plums"

In short, this is the most Conservative House of Commons there has ever been. But the Ministry is not Conservative. A former Labour Prime Minister is at its head. The Lord Chancellor was Lord Chancellor in the preceding Labour Government. The Foreign Minister is a Liberal. The Secretary for the Dominions is a Labour man. The President of the Board of Trade is a Liberal. And so on.

The benches behind the Government are almost wholly occupied by Conservatives.

But the Treasury bench is only half occupied (and that, the less important half) by Conservatives. This preferential treatment of the tiny Labour and Liberal minorities that support the Government was the price of preserving the national character of the Ministry.

That has been done, and personally I think the result has been beneficial to the country.

## They don't like it

But it has been done at the cost of deep and growing resentment among the Conservatives. They see the sweets of office which they would rejoice to have being enjoyed by members of Parties who have little or no following in the House.

And the resentment is not merely on the ground of selfish interest. They see policy in an overwhelmingly Conservative House of Commons being largely shaped by men who, whatever they are, are not Conservatives. And they do not like it.

They like it so little that the revolt has now come to the surface, and there is a very considerable body of this Party which is prepared to smash the Coalition, and go to the country on a strict Conservative programme before the National Government has lost the confidence of the electorate and the Labour Party has recovered from the blow of 1931.

That was what was done with the Lloyd George Coalition in 1922. On that occasion it was Mr. Baldwin who delivered the "knockout blow" at the Carlton Club meeting. By a strange irony it is he who is now fighting for the life of the Coalition against those members of his Party who wish to destroy it.

The attack comes from many quarters. Let us look at the personal elements first.

The most formidable of them is Mr. Churchill. He has spent so much of his life on the Treasury bench, and is so easily the most powerful debater in the Conservative ranks, that he naturally thinks his exclusion from office is a personal insult.

He does not stand alone. Mr. Amery, Lord Lloyd, Sir H. Page Croft and many others are equally restive at being without a job in a Parliament crowded with their followers. Joined with them is Lord Beaverbrook, who, through his newspaper, keeps up the ceaseless vendetta against Mr. Baldwin, who has become the kind of "King Charles' head" of this queer Mr. Dick of journalism.

So much for persons. There are three main grounds which the rebels have chosen for their assault on the Coalition.

The first and the most serious is India. It is the most serious for two reasons: (1) It makes the most effective appeal to the least intelligent section of the Conservative Party. (2) If it succeeds it will wreck all hopes of a peaceful settlement of the greatest problem before the British Empire.

If for no other reason, I would keep the present Government in power till the new India Bill is passed into law. I think it will be kept in power, for Mr. Baldwin is making a magnificent fight for the soul of his Party and the honour of his country.

But no one can question the gravity of the position.

At the recent Birmingham Conference of the Conservative Party nearly a third of the votes of the delegates was recorded against the Government policy on India.

In view of the fact that the whole weight of the official organisation of the Party was thrown into the scale on the side of Mr. Baldwin, this cannot be regarded as decisive. During the next few months all the efforts of Mr. Churchill and Lord Lloyd will be exercised to wreck the scheme, and with it the Conservative Party.

I think they will fail to wreck the scheme, but if they succeed they will certainly wreck the Conservative Party. For Mr. Baldwin and the responsible heads of the Party will go out into the wilderness rather than betray the word of this country to India and plunge that great Dependency back into the arms of Mr. Gandhi, the Indian Congress, and revolution.

## A near thing

The second line of attack is on the subject of armaments. Lord Lloyd secured a practically unanimous resolution of the Conservative Conference in favour of the rearmament of this country.

If that course were adopted as the policy of the Conservative element of the Government there would be nothing left but to put up the shutters at Geneva and to plunge into preparations for the next war.

But Mr Baldwin promptly replied by nailing his colours to the mast of general disarmament as the only guarantee against an Armageddon that would complete the wreck of European civilisation.

I don't think that on this issue he will fail to carry with him the best elements of his Party.

Nor is it probable that he will not be able to hold his position against the third line of attack. It comes mainly from the Beaverbrook faction, which wants a tariff on imported meat. This is so crazy an idea that even the most fanatical Protectionists shrink from supporting it. They know that a tax on meat would banish the Party that introduced it into the wilderness for a generation.

On the whole, I think Mr. Baldwin will weather the storm. But it will be a near thing—especially on the issue of India.

*. . . but Mr. Baldwin strikes a characteristic attitude and defies him—and the rest of the rebels in the Tory ranks*

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**Not from the B.B.C.—Canon Ellis Gowing, Hon. Canon in Chelmsford Cathedral, on**

# When His Worship Worships

SINCE we are living in an age
Described as democratic,
To suit the times I do my best,
But, verily, I must protest,
In manner most emphatic,
Against the lack of due respect
Accorded to the land's elect.

I ask not that, as in the East,
Those born to lowly stations
Should kneel to greatness in the mire;
But heads uncovered to the squire
And all of his relations
May well be asked, and 'tis correct
Before M.P.s to genuflect.

Though Britons never will be slaves
Arrayed in gyves and fetters,
I count it unto them as sin
When they reveal not meekness in
The presence of their betters:
So worshippers a humble mien
Should wear whene'er his Worship's seen!

I regret that some of the congregation at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, have shown themselves lacking in reverence for those whom it has pleased Providence to place in authority above them.

This is why I found it necessary to rebuke them for not standing when the Mayor of Southend walked to his seat. About half the congregation behaved as if his Worship were no greater than a humble worshipper in an unreserved pew.

It is absurd to suggest that I wish to associate religion with heel-clicking, and, of course, there is no truth in the allegation that a verger who failed to salute an alderman is to be tried by court-martial in the vestry.

Even my statement that the Mayor is the representative of the King has been turned to ridicule, my critics asking whether, in the absence of the Mayor, the town surveyor or the inspector of nuisances would take precedence as the representative of royalty?

Such reasoning shows the length to which the doctrine of equality can be pushed. A Mayor, like the rest of us, comes into the world naked, but his raiment when in office should command respect.

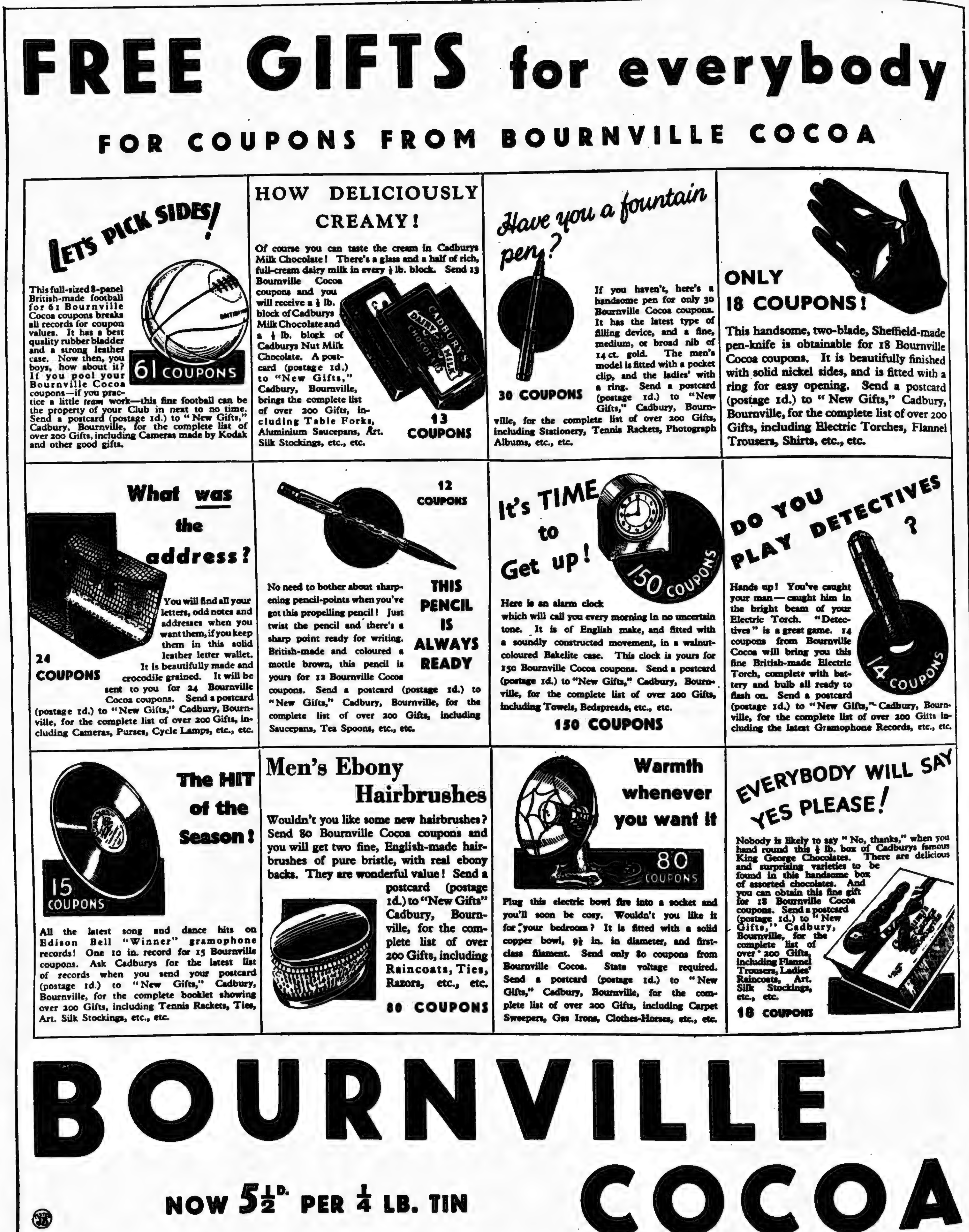
Failure to accord deference to the municipal rabbit-skins savours of Bolshevism, and may well lead to a state of affairs in which the fact that a man wears a collar buttoned at the back will not be accepted as conclusive evidence of his superiority over those who button their collars in front or go without collars.

Although he may be "Bill" or "Joe" on the local bowling-green—though his cocked hat may not fit and his aitches be less numerous than we could wish—a Mayor's a Mayor for a' that.

I am willing to agree
That a Mayor may not be
For intellect entitled to a bonus;
And sometimes, too, he is
In figure and in phiz
Not *very* like the statues of Adonis!

If his get-up and his girth
Seem designed to foster mirth,
We should strive to keep straight faces;
though to scoff is
Our inclination, we
Should defer to him, since he
Is the holder of a most exalted office.

Humility is due
To all those, fit and few,
Whom Fate has placed above us: J.P.s, rectors—
When these enter, all should rise,
And for canons, too, likewise,
And aldermen and income-tax inspectors!



# FREE GIFTS for everybody

## FOR COUPONS FROM BOURNVILLE COCOA

### LET'S PICK SIDES!

This full-sized 8-panel British-made football for 61 Bournville Cocoa coupons breaks all records for coupon values. It has a best quality rubber bladder and a strong leather case. Now then, you boys, how about it? If you pool your Bournville Cocoa coupons—if you practice a little *team* work—this fine football can be the property of your Club in next to no time. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Cameras made by Kodak and other good gifts.

**61 COUPONS**

### HOW DELICIOUSLY CREAMY!

Of course you can taste the cream in Cadburys Milk Chocolate! There's a glass and a half of rich, full-cream dairy milk in every ½ lb. block. Send 13 Bournville Cocoa coupons and you will receive a ¼ lb. block of Cadburys Milk Chocolate and a ¼ lb. block of Cadburys Nut Milk Chocolate. A postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, brings the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Table Forks, Aluminium Saucepans, Art. Silk Stockings, etc., etc.

**13 COUPONS**

### *Have you a fountain pen?*

If you haven't, here's a handsome pen for only 30 Bournville Cocoa coupons. It has the latest type of filling device, and a fine, medium, or broad nib of 14 ct. gold. The men's model is fitted with a pocket clip, and the ladies' with a ring. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Stationery, Tennis Rackets, Photograph Albums, etc., etc.

**30 COUPONS**

### ONLY 18 COUPONS!

This handsome, two-blade, Sheffield-made pen-knife is obtainable for 18 Bournville Cocoa coupons. It is beautifully finished with solid nickel sides, and is fitted with a ring for easy opening. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Electric Torches, Flannel Trousers, Shirts, etc., etc.

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You will find all your letters, odd notes and addresses when you want them, if you keep them in this solid leather letter wallet. It is beautifully made and crocodile grained. It will be sent to you for 24 Bournville Cocoa coupons. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Cameras, Purses, Cycle Lamps, etc., etc.

**24 COUPONS**

### THIS PENCIL IS ALWAYS READY

**12 COUPONS**

No need to bother about sharpening pencil-points when you've got this propelling pencil! Just twist the pencil and there's a sharp point ready for writing. British-made and coloured a mottle brown, this pencil is yours for 12 Bournville Cocoa coupons. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Saucepans, Tea Spoons, etc., etc.

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**150 COUPONS**

### DO YOU PLAY DETECTIVES?

Hands up! You've caught your man—caught him in the bright beam of your Electric Torch. "Detectives" is a great game. 14 coupons from Bournville Cocoa will bring you this fine British-made Electric Torch, complete with battery and bulb all ready to flash on. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts including the latest Gramophone Records, etc., etc.

**14 COUPONS**

### The HIT of the Season!

**15 COUPONS**

All the latest song and dance hits on Edison Bell "Winner" gramophone records! One 10 in. record for 15 Bournville coupons. Ask Cadburys for the latest list of records when you send your postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete booklet showing over 200 Gifts, including Tennis Rackets, Ties, Art. Silk Stockings, etc., etc.

### Men's Ebony Hairbrushes

Wouldn't you like some new hairbrushes? Send 80 Bournville Cocoa coupons and you will get two fine, English-made hairbrushes of pure bristle, with real ebony backs. They are wonderful value! Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts" Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Raincoats, Ties, Razors, etc., etc.

**80 COUPONS**

### Warmth whenever you want it

**80 COUPONS**

Plug this electric bowl fire into a socket and you'll soon be cosy. Wouldn't you like it for your bedroom? It is fitted with a solid copper bowl, 9½ in. in diameter, and first-class filament. Send only 80 coupons from Bournville Cocoa. State voltage required. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Carpet Sweepers, Gas Irons, Clothes-Horses, etc., etc.

### EVERYBODY WILL SAY YES PLEASE!

Nobody is likely to say "No, thanks," when you hand round this ½ lb. box of Cadburys famous King George Chocolates. There are delicious and surprising varieties to be found in this handsome box of assorted chocolates. And you can obtain this fine gift for 18 Bournville Cocoa coupons. Send a postcard (postage 1d.) to "New Gifts," Cadbury, Bournville, for the complete list of over 200 Gifts, including Flannel Trousers, Ladies' Raincoats, Art. Silk Stockings, etc., etc.

**18 COUPONS**

# BOURNVILLE COCOA

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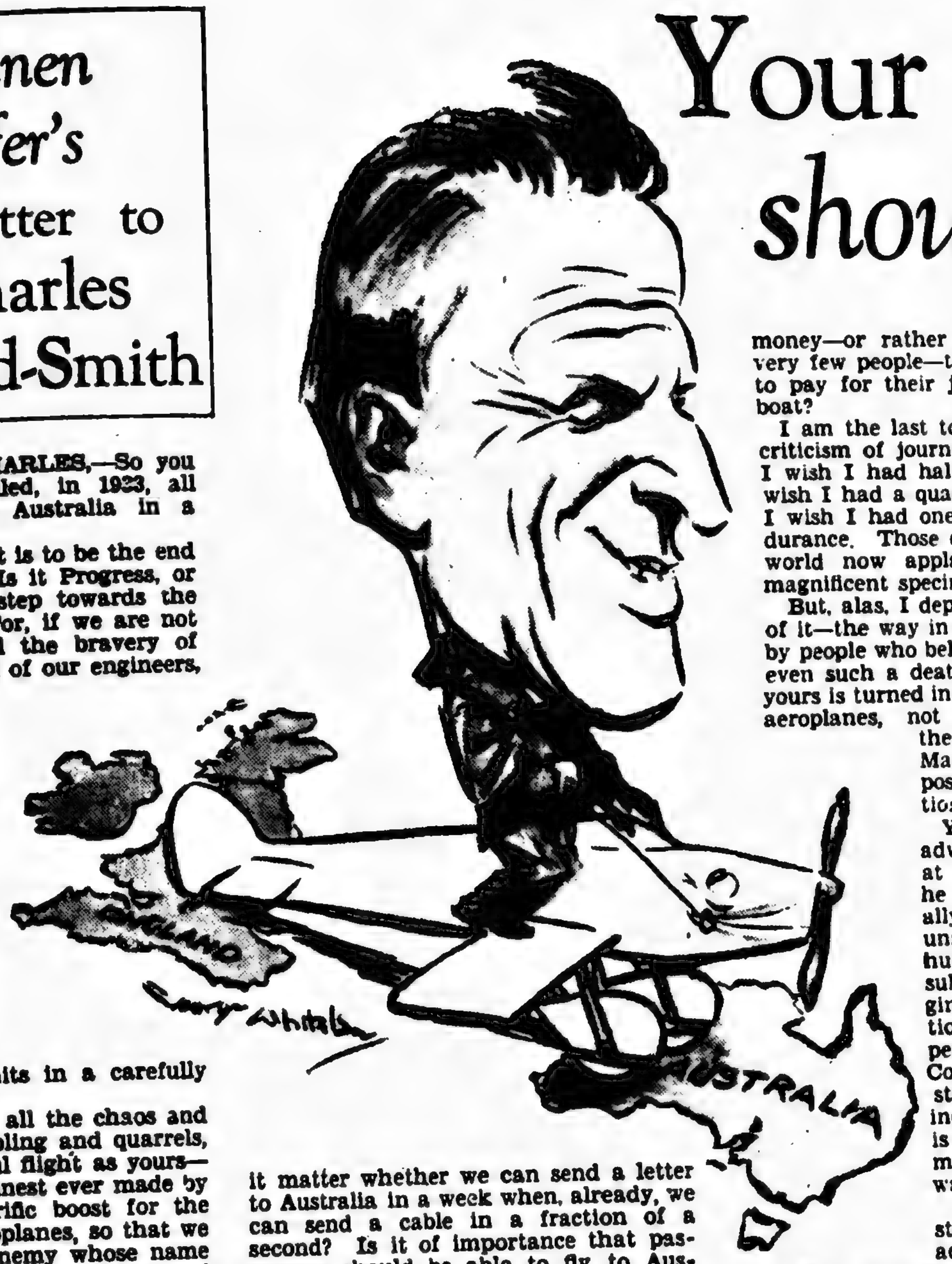
# Your Triumph *should make us* THINK

## *Hannen Swaffer's* Open Letter to Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith



DEAR SIR CHARLES,—So you have travelled, in 1933, all the way to Australia in a week.

Well, what is to be the end of it all? Is it Progress, or is it merely another step towards the end of civilisation? For, if we are not careful, you know, all the bravery of our pilots, all the skill of our engineers, all the brains of our inventors, will merely result in a War in the Air which will wipe out our big towns and destroy half our civil population.

The lesson of it all is that Mankind has to progress logically and calmly, not by spurts and dashes. All parts of the System must improve together. They must all be units in a carefully guided plan.

As things are, with all the chaos and confusion, and squabbling and quarrels, even such a wonderful flight as yours—and it is one of the finest ever made by Man—becomes a terrific boost for the building of more aeroplanes, so that we can wipe out some enemy whose name we do not know, and for reasons of which we are completely unaware.

From the practical point of view, does it matter whether we can send a letter to Australia in a week when, already, we can send a cable in a fraction of a second? Is it of importance that passengers should be able to fly to Australia in, say, ten days or a fortnight when, already, owing to the scarcity of money—or rather its control by a very few people—they cannot afford to pay for their journey by steamboat?

I am the last to say one word in criticism of journeys such as yours. I wish I had half your courage. I wish I had a quarter of your nerve. I wish I had one-tenth of your endurance. Those qualities the whole world now applauds. You are a magnificent specimen of mankind.

But, alas, I deplore the other side of it—the way in which, subtly used by people who believe in armaments, even such a death-defying flight as yours is turned into a boost for more aeroplanes, not for purposes of the advancement of Man but for the purposes of his destruction.

You see, unless Man advances spiritually at the same rate as he advances materially, he finds himself unable to handle for human benefit the results of Science, Engineering and Invention. So all that happens is that, while Consumption remains stationary, Production increases. Then there is a battle for new markets. And then war comes. . . .

These may seem strange remarks to address to you, just now. But, then, if we are to put things right, they will have to be forced upon the attention of everybody, week after week, until the whole world recognises that, the more it strives, the more, unconsciously, it is dislocating instead of helping to adjust.

The great lesson of your achievement is that if our statesmen and our great men of business had the courage and the dash of which you have proved yourself the possessor our troubles would soon be over.

You spent sleepless nights. You braved the storms. You flew over the Timor Sea, which some people say is full of sharks and other people declare hasn't seen a shark for years.

If statesmen possessed one-twentieth of your courage, they would, instead of hiding away in corners, walk bravely out into the broad highway of modern life and bravely face the lion of Scarcity which the whole world fears. They would then discover in a minute that the lion was not there, that there was no scarcity.

They would find that there is a plain straight road, in which the Angel of Plenty is waiting, to the New World.

Perhaps when you were flying nigh above the earth, which you saw rotting with harvests, you yourself thought some of this. You must have done.

Come back and tell the world. It wants to hear.

Hannen Swaffer

# CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

**LORD MELCHETT,**
*Smith Square, London, S.W.1*

DEAR LORD MELCHETT,—I am delighted by your decision to introduce the forty-hour week, as an experiment, at the great Billingham chemical works, where 6,000 people are employed.

This is the first time that an important British works has made the experiment, and if it is successful—as I am sure it will be—then you will have given a decisive lead to all industry.

And you will have shown us beyond doubt how unemployment could be greatly reduced.

JOHN BULL.

**LUKE HEMBLING,**
*Bungay, Suffolk*

MASTER LUKE,—Arming yourself with a catapult, you shot two cows and blinded each of them in one eye, for which you have been fined £5. Only your age, said the magistrates, prevented your going to prison.

That age is seventy-eight, so perhaps you are in your second childhood. But I hate fiendish lads, however young or old they may be.

JOHN BULL.

**Rt. Rev. WALTER FRERE,**
*Bishop of Truro*

MY LORD,—For two years your clergy have given practically no attention to the inmates of Redruth poor-law institution, for you have forbidden them to offer their services unless they are paid.

I am glad the Nonconformist and Roman Catholic ministers have no such scruples, but I am sorry the Anglican Church chooses to put money before the interests of the aged and destitute.

JOHN BULL.

**Mrs. LILY SMITH,**
*Cardiff*

MADAM,—With £40,000 invested, property in London and Cardiff and with £60 in your bag, you stole from a London stores, for which you have been fined £5 that you will hardly miss.

May I suggest a way in which you can make handsome amends? Spend a little on the people who are forced into petty crime by adversity and to whom prison would be the only alternative to a £5 fine.

JOHN BULL.

**COUNCILLOR J. W. DUTTON,**
*Mayor of Rochdale*

DEAR SIR,—I daresay you have received many presents in your life, but I doubt if you'll treasure any of them more than the silver cigarette case just bought for you by the town's unemployed out of their pennies.

In fact, I know you won't, for I know the work you have done for them in your year of office.

JOHN BULL.

**The CITY COUNCIL,**
*Lincoln*

GENTLEMEN,—I am astounded by your decision to exclude all organisations representing ex-Service men from the Armistice Day memorial service.

You could offer no greater insult to the memory of our War dead or to their survivors.

Have the decency to put yourselves right with public opinion while there is still time.

JOHN BULL.

**Mr. F. J. MAY**
*Chief Constable, Swansea*

DEAR CHIEF,—Borstal institutions, you declare, are criminal colleges where young delinquents complete their education.

There is some truth in that, but if they have hardened some youths, they have also saved others from a life of crime.

You say, too, that a boy should never be sent to Borstal. Where then? Surely not to jail, where he will meet far worse offenders!

JOHN BULL.

**CANON GREEN,**
*Salford*

DEAR CANON,—"Please pray for the man whose clothes are too shabby for him to attend church" was the petition found at Prescot Church—and you did so.

At the same time Canon Brook, of Doncaster, was telling his congregation that "dressing up" for church was doing incalculable harm and making people with poor clothes afraid to attend.

Now I suggest you both pray for those whose snobbery keeps the poorly dressed folk away.

JOHN BULL.

**Mr. J. H. THOMAS: Britain has given Tshekedi handshake of friendship. But you say "not sufficient reason" why he should come here to clear up legal points. Isn't friendship sufficient reason?—JOHN BULL.**

**Mr. W. H. REGAN,**
*South Shields*

DEAR MR. REGAN,—A motherless boy of fifteen who stole a bicycle—his first offence—has been sent by the Leek magistrates to a reformatory for four years, the maximum period.

A day or two later two young lads were charged before you with theft. You just took them for a walk and gave them a heart-to-heart talk.

The Leek justices will probably think you namby-pamby. But I have as much admiration for you as I have disgust for them.

JOHN BULL.

**THE CHAIRMAN,**
*Worcs Agricultural Committee*

THRIFTY SIR,—Who told you that ratepayers want to sweat their employees?

One of your members complained that certain workers are being paid five shillings below the minimum, but you loftily rebuked him with: "We are spending the ratepayers' money, not our own."

That may be your own excuse for driving a hard bargain, but I doubt if it will please Worcestershire folk.

JOHN BULL.

**FRANK EDWARD PRICE,**
*Birkenhead*

PRICE,—You are a preacher and revivalist, but I should hesitate to call you a "man of God."

For you said of a priest with whose religious views you differed that he had two illegitimate children—repeating this wicked slander even when it was proved false.

I hope, for the sake of all, that the next time you preach there will be no one to hear you.

JOHN BULL.

**Mrs. JANET MORRISON,**
*Falkirk*

MADAM,—Once again you and your son have been heavily fined for conducting a ready-money betting business, and the total amount of fines you have paid is now nearly £500.

If you are not deterred by the knowledge that your husband holds civic office—he is Provost of Falkirk—let me warn you that I have known street bookmakers go to jail for a month.

JOHN BULL.

**Councillor IZATT,**
*Dunfermline*

DEAR SIR,—Thanks to you, it has been proved that tenants of municipal houses have been grossly overcharged, and their rents are now to be reduced.

I am astonished to hear that the council has been pocketing part of the Government grant made to keep the rents low.

But the Scottish Department of Health knew of the over-charging. Does this mean that it was willing to countenance profiteering?

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Weekly Informations from Major-General Sir WYNDHAM CHILDS

# Most Impudent Fraud of the YEAR

*Both the agents who took orders and the shopkeepers who gave them have been badly let down by the rogues of Paradise Street*

THIS week I want to lay bare a very cruel swindle by which small tradesmen, commercial travellers and various unemployed men and women have been victimised.

It has been staged by two rogues, Norman Johnston and Edward Palmer, who, with bogus businesses in Belfast, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow, have succeeded in hoaxing people in all parts of the country.

They commenced operations a little while back with principal offices at Paradise Street, Liverpool, and Fountain Street, Manchester, and described their business as that of "wholesale merchants and shippers."

One of their first steps was to engage a large staff, and to all outward appearances considerable business was being done.

All was grist that came to their mill. They were prepared to deal in hosiery, underwear, bacon, tea, butter, sugar, condensed milk, cheese and all kinds of tinned produce.

Their prices were most attractive, and they purported to deal with firms in New Zealand, Australia, Norway, Canada and Ireland.

## Only the best men

It was their boast that by paying cash for their produce they were able to obtain consignments at such advantageous prices that they could offer their wares to the public on bargain terms.

Having established themselves in this way, they proceeded to advertise all over the country for travellers and representatives, to whom they promised good salaries and commission.

Among those who applied is a Birmingham man who had been drawing the "dole" for some months and was naturally eager to secure a promising position.

There was nothing suspicious about the advertisement he answered. In fact, two references were called for, and it was inferred that only the best men need apply.

In due course he was delighted to receive a letter from Johnston and Palmer informing him that he had been appointed salesman for a specific district, which included Wolverhampton, Walsall and several other important centres.

He was assured that the firm's insurance brokers would be getting in touch with him to arrange for a fidelity bond, as large sums of money would be entrusted to his immediate care.

He was further told that Mr. Johnston would be paying him a visit in a few days to interview with him all important local firms with which business might possibly ensue.

## Profound mystery

This is interesting, because I find from complaints before me that other agents have been given similar assurances on the same date.

It is, therefore, something of a mystery to know how Mr. Johnston could contrive to be in several parts of the country at once.

Knowing nothing of this, my Birmingham reader was duly impressed.

A form of agreement was enclosed for signature and was made out in the most businesslike manner.

This new agent was greatly impressed by a clause which intimated that no representative could remain in the employ of the company if he failed to average £2,500 worth of business per year.

He was told that he would start with a salary of £3 per week plus 5 per cent. commission, and that he could charge up all his travelling expenses.

Greatly encouraged by all this, the Birmingham man began work immediately, and succeeded in booking quite a number of orders from small shopkeepers.

According to plan, he had to submit weekly reports, send cash with order, and make no deductions for salary or expenses, as this, it was arranged, would be sent each week from headquarters.

All went well at first, but by the end of a fortnight he was in a quandary.

## Agent's quandary

The various clients from whom he had obtained orders were beginning to protest that they had received no goods. He, for his part, had received no salary and was already considerably out of pocket in respect of expenses.

His position was made all the more difficult because those who had entrusted him with orders had done so largely because they were satisfied as to his integrity, but he could tell them nothing except that he would take up the matter with his employers.

That may be taken as a typical case. Men in similar plights may be found in centres as far apart as Plymouth and Rochdale, Stockport and Swansea, Bargoed and Leicester, Hull and Dorchester.

The widespread nature of this scheme may be illustrated by the experiences of a South Wales reader, who, likewise unemployed, started to work for Johnston and Palmer in the same way.

He was appointed salesman for South Wales.

"You may imagine," he writes, "that ours was a happy home that day--a job at £3 a week and 5 per cent. commission."

## Both surprised

Poor fellow! He has now been bitterly disillusioned.

Fully believing that Johnston and Palmer meant all they said, he set to work with a will, and the first order he netted was for £243.

In three days he sent in orders to the extent of £820. Writing to his employers, he stated that cheques would be sent upon the usual confirmation of orders at the prices quoted.

Fortunately he had the wisdom to ask for the name of Johnston and Palmers' bankers.

Strange indeed was the telegraphic reply which he received.

"Surprised at wire," it ran. "Established 30 years. Refer to accountants."

Why accountants instead of bankers?

His suspicions were at once aroused. This reader could not very well ask his clients to complete their orders, and his wisdom in holding his hand at this stage is now manifest.

For the whole thing was a cruel swindle. I find on enquiry that such moneys as have been obtained by Messrs. Johnston and Palmer have been paid into newly-opened accounts at Manchester and Belfast. Cash has been manipulated between these two centres in a most singular fashion.

And what of the firm of Johnston and Palmer, "wholesale merchants and shippers"?

## Will you help?

With complaints as to non-delivery of goods and non-payment of agents pouring in from all quarters, this firm has simply closed its doors and disappeared!

Scotland Yard and the Liverpool and Manchester police are now receiving complaints from people from all parts of the country.

Perhaps the worst victims are the agents, who have staked their own reputations as well as their savings in building up local connections for this runaway firm.

This whole scheme I find has been worked by two men—Johnston and Palmer.

These tricksters must be brought to book at the earliest possible moment, and I shall welcome the co-operation of any reader who may be able to throw light upon their recent movements.

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# SMITH the Swindler

SEVERAL readers are anxious to get in touch with an individual named Raymond Smith, who recently set himself up as "Smith and Partners," operating from offices in High Holborn, W.C.1.

Describing this enterprise as "investment, mortgage and insurance brokers," Smith immediately began advertising attractive "vacancies."

One announcement he made was to the effect that a well-known doctor, at one time serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps, required a smart man to run a clinic which was to be under the successful applicant's direct control.

Smith held forth the prospects of a substantial salary—the earnings he estimated at £500 a year. But the investment required to obtain this post was £150.

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On one pretence or another he has secured deposits of sums ranging from £25 from various men who have responded to his blandly-worded invitations.

A Leyton reader was informed that his "qualifications" were not suitable for the advertised post.

But he was invited to consider employment as an "insurance representative," it being understood that there was considerable spadework to do.

This reader, like many other applicants, was received at an interview in the course of which Smith cordially asked him to deposit £25.

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Fortunately our reader first took advantage of our Information Department —with the result that he retained his capital.

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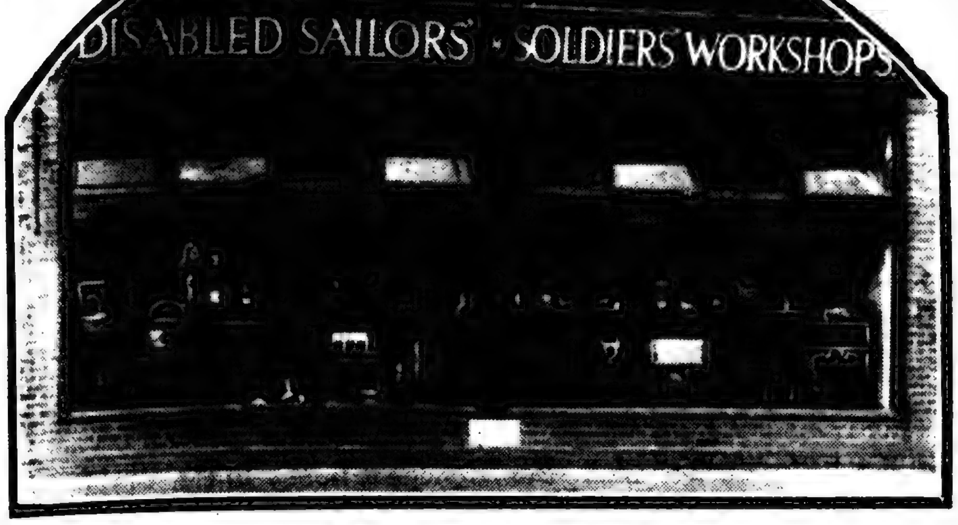
# Maimed WAR VETERANS SACKED



*The Disabled Sailors' and Soldiers' Workshops at Bournemouth*

HOW notoriously failing is the memory of the public for good services rendered.

No one knows that hard fact better than the war-wounded ex-Service man. For the Great War is now fifteen years away, and that is a long, long period for remembrance.

Constantly pathetic instances are brought to the notice of JOHN BULL of men who suffered terribly during the war, and who have been made to suffer again through a want of charitable assistance from more fortunately placed members of society.

With that preliminary, we would draw immediate attention to the case of the Disabled Sailors' and Soldiers' Workshops at Bournemouth.

These workshops have been in existence since the early months of the war, when the first wounded were discharged from the Army as unfit for further military duty.

## The blow falls

An entirely admirable crusade to provide employment for disabled men has been carried on throughout the years intervening by the workshops. Many influential people are interested in the scheme The Earl of Malmesbury is the president, and among the vice-presidents are the Countess of Malmesbury, Lady Sassoon, Lady Hulton, Major-General Sir Harry Brooking, and Brigadier-General Sir H. Page Croft, M.P

Until the summer of this year twenty-six disabled men were engaged in the well-equipped factory in Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, at various crafts, and producing all manner of articles for sale in the town and surrounding district.

The men were earning fair—although not lavish—wages, and to meet a bad trade period had voluntarily agreed on a curtailment of their hours of work.

Suddenly, and out of the blue as it were, the blow came. The staff of the workshops was cut down by half. Thirteen of the twenty-six employees were turned adrift with a week's notice.

What an incredible hardship on those thirteen, the majority of whom are quite unfit to secure any other work!

Some of the oldest servants of the workshops were on the discharge list. Some had been at the factory for between ten and fourteen years. Most of the men are elderly; the average age being near to fifty. Several are graded as totally disabled.

## Deep resentment

Naturally there is deep resentment among the discharged men at their treatment. They claim that if it were necessary to reduce the workshops' staff, those who had been longest there should have had the preference against later comers.

Examples are given of younger men brought to the workshops in recent years who have been kept on while older hands have had to go.

On behalf of the executive committee of the Disabled Sailors' and Soldiers' Workshops, it is stated that the financial position of the institution made the very drastic revision of staff imperative, and that the best and most useful workmen were kept in employment.

Yet the last issued report of the undertaking does not indicate too serious a position.

"It is known," declares this report, "that all businesses are passing through a difficult time, and it is very satisfactory, under these conditions, to find that our sales for the past year are only down by the small amount of £165. The point which presents itself is that we have been able to reduce our trade loss of £1,457 in 1932 to £854. A reduction of £583."

## Waiting-list surprise

How unfortunate that, when a new year of enterprise opened on such a note, it should have been deemed essential to sack thirteen war veterans. Surely reorganisation and economies should have come in other ways than through the disabled men themselves.

And what are we to think of the latest development?

*Although these thirteen men have been discharged without compensation, it has just been publicly stated that anyone may nominate disabled men to be put on the register to await a vacancy in the workshops!*

It seems to us a strange policy thus to suggest that new workers may be wanted when the old have been so callously cast aside.

With such an institution as the Bournemouth Disabled Sailors' and Soldiers' Workshops the old servants should surely receive first consideration.

Here are the names of the disabled men who have been dismissed from the workshops, while the public is being invited to nominate other war victims for its "waiting list."

Doughty, Royal Field Artillery, a time-serving soldier at the outbreak of war; 40 per cent. disability through wounds; age forty-five.

Hearn, Notts and Derby Regiment; 90 per cent. disability; age forty.

Hepworth, Grenadier Guards, 40 per cent. disability; age fifty.

Lovelace, Royal Navy; grievously wounded at the Battle of Jutland; one arm and two fingers of the remaining hand amputated; 100 per cent. disability; age thirty-five.

Ritchie, East Surrey Regiment; 50 per cent. disability; age fifty.

Baker, a pre-war soldier, who rejoined in the Dorset Regiment at the outbreak of hostilities, invalided out of the Service. No disability pension at all; age sixty-one.

Lush, another pre-war soldier who rejoined, enlisting in the Middlesex Regiment; 30 per cent. disability; age forty-two.

*The Earl of Malmesbury. We ask him to see that the discharged ex-Service men are reinstated*

Parker, Berkshire Regiment; no disability pension, although his health prevents him doing ordinary work; age fifty.

Porter, Royal Army Service Corps; 70 per cent disability; age sixty-seven.

Hunt, Royal Army Medical Corps; 100 per cent. disability owing to wounds and ill-health; age forty-five.

Talmage, South Wales Borderers; 30 per cent. disability; age thirty-five.

Fairweather, Corps of Military Police; served in the Royal Horse Artillery before the war; another man with no disability pension; age sixty-five.

Caesar, Royal Army Service Corps; formerly in the Dorset Regiment and afterwards the Royal Garrison Artillery; 30 per cent. disability; age fifty-nine.

Every man in this list served his country well; served the workshops well. Their reward has been dismissal!

It is a scandal on Bournemouth that the committee of the workshops ever should have been placed in the position when it considered it necessary to discharge its disabled men.

## Failing memory

The war memory of Bournemouth is failing. In a town with its reputation and record, the workshops should have been placed well and truly above the level of any need for such drastic "economies" at the expense of disabled men. The workshops should be one of the town's most successful schemes.

The past fine summer has brought a wonderful golden harvest to Bournemouth, as it has to every other seaside resort, and there is no cause more worthy of the town's support than the Disabled Sailors' and Soldiers' Workshops.

We hope that this publicity may be a memory reminder to Bournemouth, and that when next we hear of the workshops the staff of disabled men will have been trebled, not halved

But the first duty of the committee is to reinstate its old workers.

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*The Human Machine*

## Are You Honest?

*MAN prides himself on being a reasoning and reasonable being. We all like to believe that we look at life calmly and think about it logically, doing nothing hastily nor without good and sufficient grounds for action.*

*Yet, for all our complacent pride and belief, how many of us are really like this in our daily life? How many times a day do we really act because we have thought everything out beforehand, weighed up facts and decided our course of action solely on the evidence available?*

*Very, very few times indeed; for the sad truth is that we are not reasonable by instinct. We are most of us at the mercy of blind, unreasonable prejudice. We tend to judge on emotion and not by evidence.*

*We, in fact, mostly behave very stupidly. We take violent likes and dislikes where people are concerned, only to find as time goes on that we have to reverse our judgment—if it ever was judgment. We do things on the spur of the moment that we regret five minutes later, and omit to do things—for no valid reason—that cause us untold trouble.*

*In other words, we're not very honest with ourselves. We spend most of our time pretending; and we use up more energy avoiding reality than would suffice to train ourselves to be the reasoning beings we should be.*

*When a man boasts that "My mind is unalterably made up" he is not being strong. He is being weak. He is confessing to blind ignorance and prejudice. He is openly admitting that he has not judged on the evidence. For he is refusing even to contemplate the possibility of new evidence coming along about which he will have to think.*

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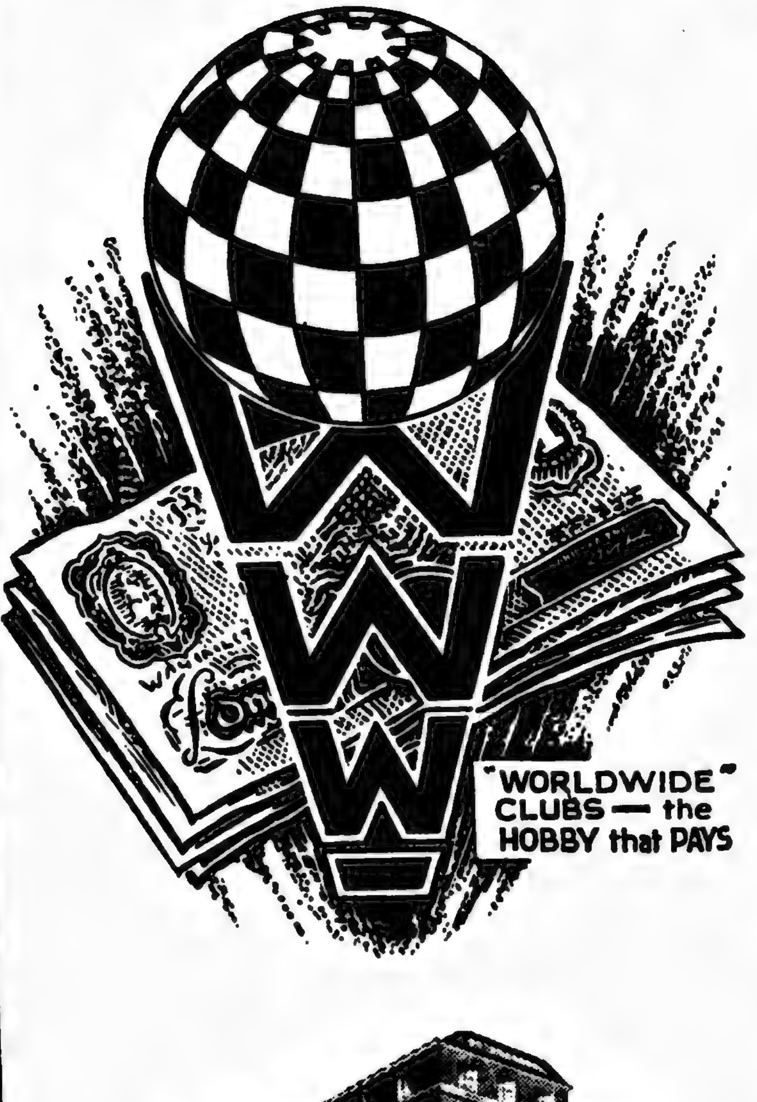
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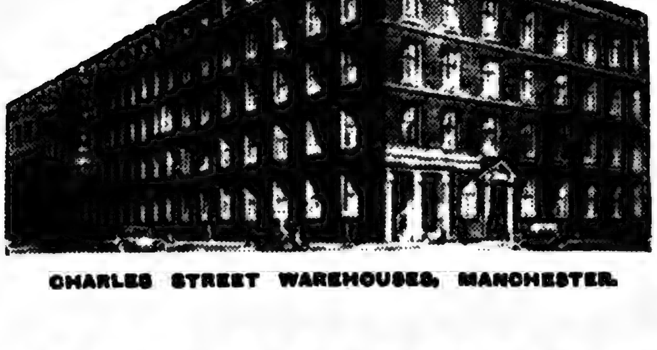

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# *Grave* HOUSING SCANDAL

*A street on the Feltham Estate. There are 500 new houses—and 200 of them are still empty*

## —*Ministry's £237,000 Blunder*

THE local authorities of many towns up and down the country are becoming gravely concerned about the future of their respective housing schemes.

Many of these schemes were entered into light-heartedly. The money was borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board with the benediction of the Ministry of Health.

Typical of many local housing schemes which have proved disappointing is that of the Central Housing Estate, Feltham, Middlesex.

Feltham is a quiet little town about fifteen miles from London, with a population of 7,469 souls.

In spite of its modest size, the Feltham Urban District Council decided in August, 1929, to start on an ambitious scheme for the erection of five hundred houses.

The council, armed with the sanction of the Ministry of Health, obtained a loan of £237,000 from the Public Works Loan Board, which was to be repaid in forty half-yearly instalments spread over twenty years.

With this huge sum in its possession the council then placed the contract for building five hundred houses with the Allied Building Corporation, Ltd., to the mutual satisfaction of everyone concerned.

This satisfaction was, however, short-lived, and the reasons are now fairly obvious.

The present position at the Feltham Central Housing Estate is that only three hundred of the five hundred houses have been let.

### *The millstone*

This means that the council is battling against adversity, with the housing estate hanging like a millstone about its neck.

Some of the houses which were built less than three years ago already show signs of wear.

The empty houses on the estate, many of which have never been occupied, are a dreary sight. Like all unoccupied property, they have suffered. Weeds flourish in the gardens, and fences have been broken down. There are broken windows, and cracks are visible in some of the walls.

Altogether, there is something particularly depressing about this building estate, which once carried the high hopes of local councillors.

It is not surprising to find that ratepayers are now on the war-path. At a recent meeting of the local Ratepayers' Association, the chairman, Mr. C. H. C. Bailey, stated that the building contract for the five hundred houses was not put out for tender, but was handed over to the Allied Building Corporation, Ltd.

He added with some feeling that: "The whole scheme was conceived in a forest, and was born in a morass, and it had been in confusion ever since."

When the facts concerning the Central Housing Estate are examined sympathy must go out to the unfortunate ratepayers, who are now burdened with extra rates owing to the heavy losses on the estate.

At a recent meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce it was stated that the Feltham Urban District Council was faced with a deficit of £17,000 on the estate, this sum being in respect of a period of two years.

Briefly, the position up to date is as follows: The council having guaranteed the loan, the Allied Building Corporation began building operations on behalf of the council.

Thus a private firm was being financed with public money.

The first forty-four houses on the estate were passed for occupation in February, 1932. The construction of the remaining houses was proceeding, but in January, 1932, the Allied Building Corporation defaulted in payment of principal and interest, and this concern was put into bankruptcy by the Feltham Council.

### *Small balance*

As a result the Urban District Council decided in November, 1932, to take over all responsibilities in connection with the estate.

These houses were originally let at 25s. a week inclusive, and subsequently at 22s. 6d. a week. Then in December, 1932, the council, alarmed at the large number of houses remaining empty, decided to reduce the rent still further to 20s. a week with the idea of attracting new tenants.

On each house the charge for loan repayment and interest amounts to 15s. a week, while rates amount to 3s. 6d. a week, which two items deducted from the weekly rent of 20s. leaves a balance of 1s. 6d. to cover the cost of repairs.

It will be seen, therefore, that the fortunes of this estate would not be particularly rosy even if all the houses were let.

### *Up went the rates*

To add to the discomfiture of the Feltham ratepayers, the rate for the year 1933-34 was increased by 2s. 9d. *in the £, and of this increase 2s. 8d. had been caused by the Council's Housing Estate!*

But in June of this year the council softened its heart towards the ratepayers and the increase was reduced from 2s. 9d. to 1s. 8d. in the £.

In spite of this there is no immediate cause for jubilation at the quiet little town of Feltham.

For it has been announced this year that the revenue from the estate had dropped by £7,341, plus an expenditure of £1,593, making a total deficit on last year's working of £8,934.

It is not surprising that there has been considerable criticism of the councillors originally responsible for the scheme.

The case for the late council has been stated by one of its members in these words:

"If the old council lacked foresight and were easily gulled, then the same applies to the Ministry of Health. To them all particulars of the scheme were submitted, and without their sanction the loan would not have been possible."

But all these councillors with but one exception have been dismissed at the polls or have resigned, with the result that the present council is now struggling on bearing the burden of this unfortunate experiment in housing on its shoulders.

### *Loan problem*

Why the building contract for five hundred houses, amounting to £237,000, was not put out for tender is difficult to understand

Meanwhile, the Feltham Urban District Council is attempting to persuade the Government authorities to extend the period of the original loan from twenty to forty, if not sixty, years, and to reduce the rate of interest from 5 per cent.

While the main responsibility undoubtedly rests with the previous Feltham Council, the scandal assumes national proportions when we realise that the loan was sanctioned by the Ministry of Health.

How responsible officials of the Ministry came to approve a loan of nearly a quarter of a million pounds to the council of such a small town as Feltham in the circumstances we have described is something that demands an official answer.

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*Homely Wisdom*

**By CANON R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.**

# A SOCIAL SOLVENT

A YOUNG journalist has written to me for advice on a matter which has often come to my notice in other connections.

He is comparatively new to his chosen profession, but greatly interested in and devoted to it. He would not willingly exchange it for any other, and considers himself fortunate in being able to hold his present position in these hard times.

I should judge from his clear and forcible way of expressing himself that he has in him the makings of a first-rate Pressman.

But here is his difficulty: He has no natural liking for alcohol and tobacco, and hitherto has abstained from smoking and drinking even in moderation; but he finds in practice that he is expected to do both for social reasons or be looked upon as an oddity and occasionally fails in making genial contact not only with fellow-journalists, but with members of the public from whom it is his duty to seek information.

He feels hampered by this and does not know how to get over it. He does not plume himself in the least on being a teetotaller and non-smoker, rather the contrary.

But neither does he want to be chaffed nor regarded as a prig. He is quite prepared to stand treat to others at any time in cigarettes and beverages, but how can he avoid accepting similar little social favours without causing unfriendliness?

And, what is more, does he not run a risk of failing to make professional contacts by declining to join a new acquaintance in the enjoyment of a pipe or a glass of beer? Conversation is easier when these minor aids to good fellowship are put in operation.

Well, I think there is a way out. If this young fellow really has a distaste for habits that are nearly universal nowadays, he can courteously refrain from conforming to them without giving offence. It is chiefly a matter of tact and right feeling in company.

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One of the most popular men I know has practised this method for fifty years or more. He is a well-known business man—and the problem of promoting sociability is exactly the same in business as in any other walk of life—but he has never found himself at a disadvantage by being an abstainer and non-smoker.

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He is taken at his own valuation and highly respected among all sorts and conditions of men. I have seen him in the chair at a smoking concert and he is an influential member of the Rotary Club in the town where he lives.

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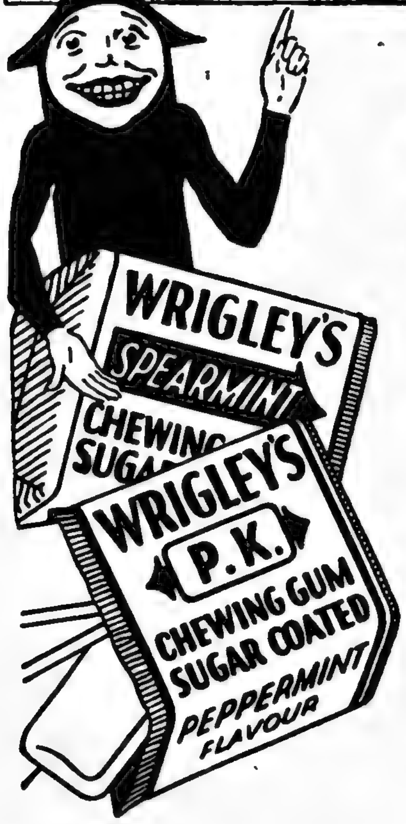
The secret of his social success is that he is known to be a thoroughly good sort who sticks to his principles and the rule of life he has marked out for himself, is never touchy or resentful, and is as ready to return chaff as to receive it with good humour.

Any man will be socially acceptable on similar terms. It is all a question of the spirit in which he demeans himself towards those with whom he has to do. He is soon taken for granted, and any peculiarity in his customary behaviour ceases to excite comment.

Always and everywhere it is what a man is that counts in winning him the esteem in which he is held.



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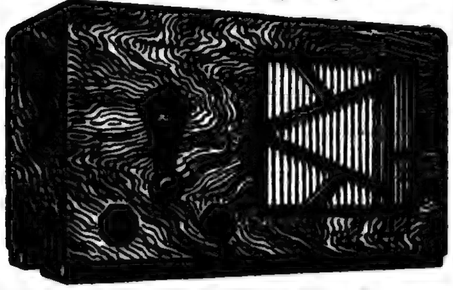

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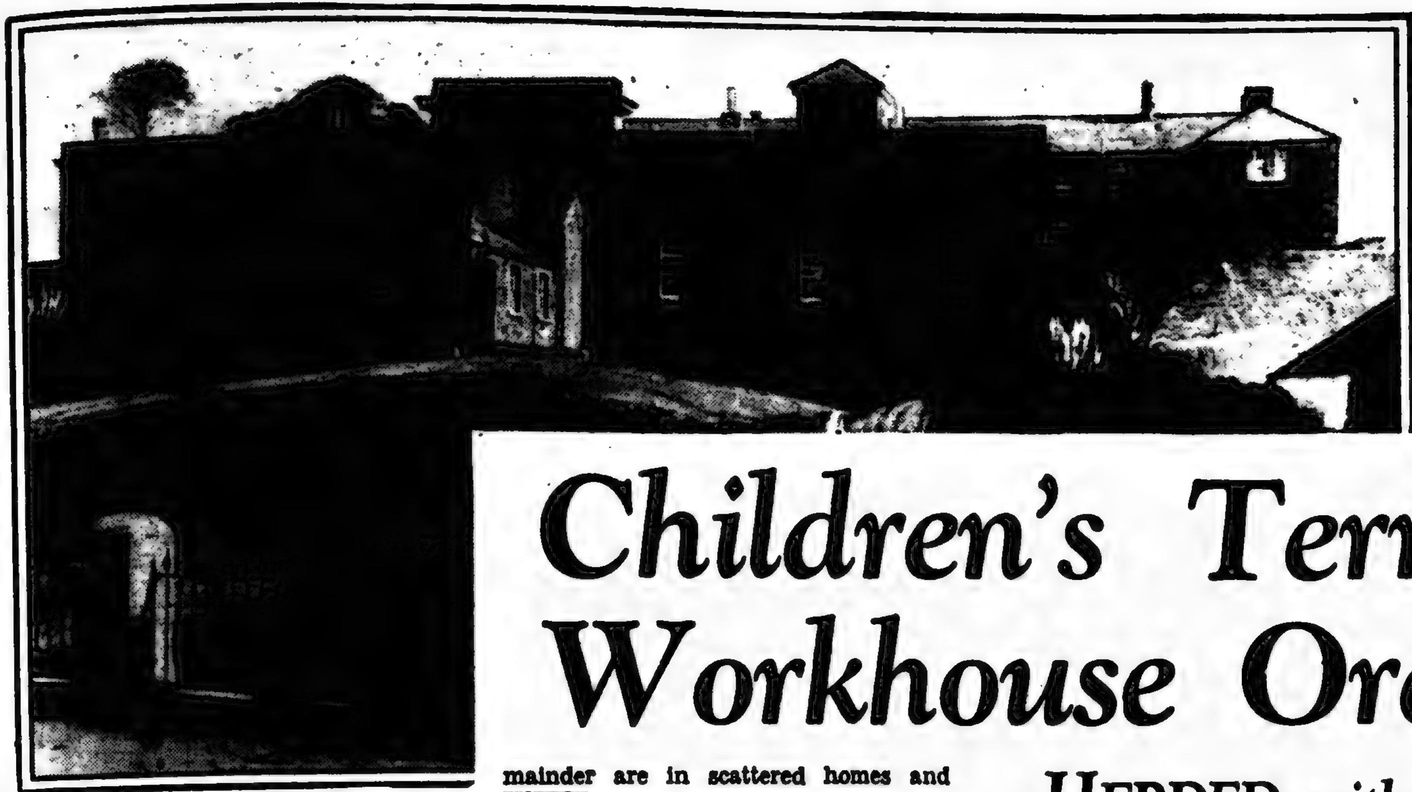

*The Poor Law Institution, Helston*

A GRAVE state of affairs exists in the fair county of Cornwall, where poor law institutions exist which—in certain aspects—must surely be the most terrible in the whole country.

The "black blot" position of Cornwall in this respect is made plain by no less a person than a senior inspector of the Ministry of Health.

Here, in brief, is what Mr. R. G. Duff, one of the most careful and experienced area officials of the Ministry, found recently when paying one of his routine but unexpected visits to the poor law institutions of Cornwall:

*Pauper children allowed to associate with imbeciles. Boys—some of them of proved bad character—herded together with young girls.*

What a picture imagination gives to this plain statement of fact!

The County Council of Cornwall controls no fewer than thirteen poor law institutions as under:

Falmouth, Helston, Penzance, Redruth, Truro, St. Austell, St Columb, Bodmin, Liskeard, Torpoint St. Germans, Camelford, Stratton and Launceston.

According to the latest figures, the number of destitute children in charge of the County Council is about 450, of whom 300 are in what may be classed as workhouse institutions, while the remainder are in scattered homes and schools.

How many of these unfortunate children have been affected by this intolerable environment, with imbeciles as their playmates, only their conduct in later life will show.

Two separate institutions in Cornwall are scheduled as being *particularly bad* in their treatment to the children.

### The secret

In one of these institutions, where the children's quarters had been closed, children were herded with imbeciles.

In another the inspector found boys and girls all together—some of the boys very bad characters—and some of the imbeciles were playing with the little girls.

The scandal is beyond belief.

Which of all the thirteen workhouse institutions are the two *particularly bad* Mr. Duff is keeping as an official secret for his communications to Whitehall.

Naturally there is a reluctance among the officers of the Cornwall County Council to accept the inspector's condemnation. There is a conspiracy of silence as to naming the Bad Two.

Consequently a cloud of suspicion rests over the whole thirteen.

An astonishing feature of this amazing case is that both the institutions have come under the ban of the Ministry on a previous occasion.

Then the institutions were administered by the old boards of guardians. The conditions under which the children were maintained were so bad that the guardians were forced by the Ministry of Health to make other arrangements.

By the intervention of Whitehall the children were taken from the workhouses and removed to happier and proper surroundings.

When, in 1929, the poor law administration was handed over by Parliament to the county councils, there was general acceptance of the idea that pauper conditions would be improved.

Instead, in Cornwall, the conditions became worse. The children were taken back to the workhouses; back to the society of imbeciles and to a mixture of the sexes.

### Too late

Listen to Mr. R. G. Duff again: "In both those institutions children were sent back to the workhouses, under conditions, I say without hesitation, which were worse than at the time ten years ago when the Ministry thought it necessary to invoke the law. Here are two cases where the guardians had, under duress, to remedy the conditions, and where, under the County Council régime, the conditions have gone back."

Investigation proves that the report of the inspector was given in comparatively mild language.

It has been quite a common thing for children to sit and talk with feeble-minded inmates and to listen to the stories mouthed by these unhappily afflicted people.

Now, when the harm has been done, immediate steps are to be taken to provide a remedy. The stable door is to be locked, but very belatedly. New homes for the workhouse children will first have to be built or purchased. The Cornwall County Council has been frightened into action.

Poor law institutions throughout the county are trying, meanwhile, to disclaim any responsibility for the strictures of the Minister of Health inspector.

Helston, the town of the famous Cornish floral dance, provides an example of this "We are not to blame" attitude.

Apparently the authorities of Helston take some pride in the fact that when the inspector visited their institution the pauper children were with "only one female imbecile of the harmless type."

Really, it seems too late for regrets, and excuses are impossible. The evil has been accomplished, with what results of unmeasured distress and misfortune who can estimate?

The scandal of the Cornish pauper children will no doubt be stopped now that a full light of publicity has been directed upon it.

### Harmful knowledge

But what of the child, boy or girl, whose mind has been tainted, who has learned unspeakable habits by those unfettered workhouse associations?

Children who have been "herded with imbeciles," who have watched with their imitative senses alert the ways of imbeciles, may be sent forth from the institutions at any moment to spread among other children all the cunning and harmful knowledge they absorbed in the Cornish workhouses.

This is what must have happened in Cornwall, that delectable Duchy which—in the opinion of the Ministry of Health—is years behind the times with some of its poor law institutions.

The sooner every one of these institutions, where children are housed and harmed in such a fashion, are swept away the better for Cornwall and the whole country.

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# DOWN on TRAGEDY FARM

FARMERS tempted to embark upon financial transactions should take warning from the bitter experiences of Bernard Sydney Waller.

Farmer by birth and occupation, Waller was, until recently, the occupier of a picturesque property in idyllic surroundings, proprietor of Crabb's Farm, in the romantic village of Tolleshunt d'Arcy, in Essex.

To-day he is destitute, without employment and without means.

Awarded a gratuity of £900 after the war, he spent some years farming in Australia, eventually returning the richer by a not inconsiderable sum.

Learning that Crabb's farm was then for sale, he paid down £800, and immediately became "owner" of the estate.

But Waller found the property he had purchased in a ruinous condition, the land in bad heart, and the farmhouse, like the outbuildings, dilapidated. The Maldon Rural District Council had necessarily placed a closing order upon the dwelling-place. Tithes, he found, were payable to three separate authorities. And, of course, there were rates in addition.

It is to his credit that the monthly payments due to the mortgagees, the amount payable to the rating authorities each quarter, and the moneys due to the tithe collectors every half-year were always found.

Within a few months, too, the local authorities were able to withdraw the order prohibiting the use of the dwelling-house.

But the repairs and other improvements were costing a great deal of money. His resources were strained to the limit.

At least £1,100 was expended by him in carrying out alterations and improvements.

Farmers, knowing the uncertainty of the revenue coming from the sale of agricultural produce, will appreciate that Farmer Waller was compelled to contract sundry debts.

The security for a mortgage involving less than £400 was the freehold property, and to free himself of this Waller actually worked in a factory whilst his labourers tilled the land.

A turning-point in a history of fruitless effort seemed to have been reached when, responding to an advertisement inserted by a so-called "broker," he received a timely offer of a loan of £3,000 at 6 per cent.

But the loan did not materialise, and when Waller took the matter to High Court, the "city broker" failed to appear. The judgment filed in March of last year is outstanding to this day.

Waller, in the meantime, decided to let his farm to a suitable tenant at a rental of £90 a year.

It was arranged that all payments of rent should go towards the reduction of the mortgage, and Waller was certain that in time he would be paid a margin of the rentals received.

But, to his dismay, the arrangement fell through, and the months passed by without his getting a single penny, and, to add to his difficulties, he found it difficult to obtain work.

Penniless, he was at this juncture summoned to County Court to answer judgments for debts, but he was unable to pay.

*His life-savings had gone into the farm.*

*Yet Waller was sent to jail for twenty-one days.*

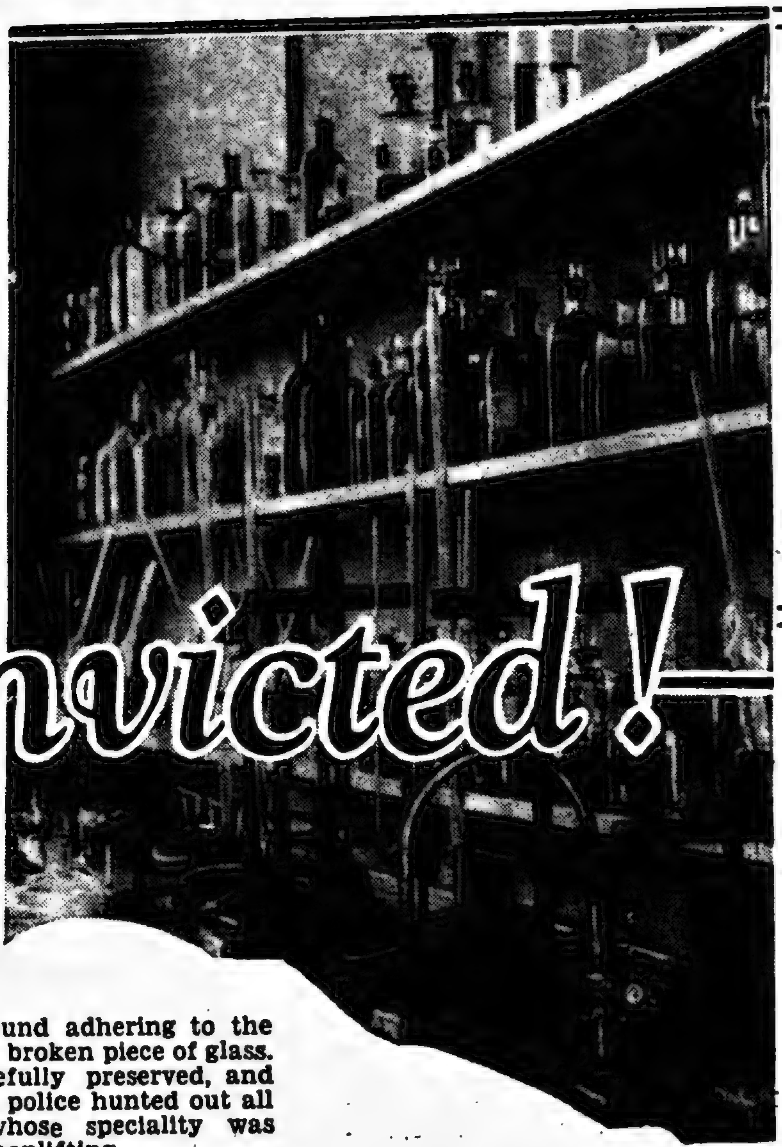
But even that does not end the tale of disillusionment, for when he enquired regarding the land of which he had been the freeholder, he found that the mortgagees had stepped in and sold the property over his head!

He has not received a penny return for the capital he expended, or for the ploughing and cultivation of the land performed by the men whose wages he paid.

The farmer now in occupation has a good title to his land, but Bernard Sydney Waller is helpless.

His entire savings have been sunk in improvements to property that is now lost to him, and he is forced to seek shelter in a hostel for the wretched—a farmer without a farm.

# The NEW FORCE CRIMINALS MUST RECKON WITH TO-DAY



# Convicted!

FEW people realise the immense part which Medical Science plays in the detection of crime. One or two names, such as Spilsbury and Brontë, have become famous in the history of crime, but who knows of the dozens of brilliant pathologists whose work of crime detection is scarcely ever mentioned in the Press?

Some of them work in laboratories attached to the big London and provincial hospitals. Others assist the police in Egypt, India and other parts of the Empire. Their case-books show the enormous strides which forensic medicine has made in the last twenty-five years.

One of the most important classes of crimino-medical work is identification.

A crime has been committed, and the only clue to the culprit is a thumb-mark, a few hairs, a piece of skin, or a smear of blood. A man claims to be the rightful heir to a property: is he an impostor? A few pieces of bone or clothing are discovered down a well and the police wish to know what sort of a man they belonged to and how he met his death. . . . These problems and many others the modern pathologist is able to solve with a precision which appears magical.

Everyone, of course, knows the extraordinary efficiency of the finger-print system. But besides finger-prints there is another system which is rapidly proving its worth. This is the "sweat-pore" system.

No two persons have exactly the same sweat-pores on their hands. They differ in size, position and number, and they never vary in life.

## Tattooer's mask

Here is a valuable piece of medical knowledge which can be turned to account when a suspected person has left impressions of sweat-pores by placing his hand, say, across the back of a chair.

Where such marks are detected the method is to dust over the surface with powdered graphite or antimony and blow off the excessive powder.

If the marks are discovered on a piece of paper, such as the leaf of a book, the paper is exposed to iodine vapour and the print is photographed before the impression fades.

Sometimes the tattooer's needle is used to aid a criminal.

During a recent robbery in Egypt a guard fired at a thief and injured him, as was proved by bloodstains in the vicinity.

A suspected man was arrested a few days later, but although he was carefully examined not a trace of an injury could be discovered on his body.

The suspicion against him was very strong, but it was evident that the case against him must fail unless some injury could be discovered.

A fresh examination was made, and the pathologist's suspicions were aroused by a tattoo design covering the back of the man's hand, fingers and wrist, which looked as if it was recent.

## The skin clue

An X-ray photograph was taken of it, and sure enough the print showed that the man had been wounded. Twenty-seven shot marks were counted in the hand and fingers.

The entrance wound of each had been so artistically incorporated in the design of the tattoo marks that it had succeeded in baffling the doctor.

It is recorded that in a recent case at Glasgow a tiny piece of skin torn from the finger was enough to convict a smash-and-grab raider.

A man broke the plate-glass window of a jeweller's shop, snatched a tray of watches, and escaped.

On examining the scene of the crime a small, almost circular piece of skin was found adhering to the sharp edge of a broken piece of glass. This was carefully preserved, and meanwhile the police hunted out all the thieves whose speciality was known to be shoplifting.

The hands of each of these men were examined. On the finger-tip of one of them was found a wound not yet healed. This man was detained, and it was found that the piece of skin exactly fitted the wound.

Perhaps the most peculiar case of identification was that of two colliers who were tried at the Cumberland Assizes, Carlisle, on a charge of having broken into a store and stolen some articles of value.

On examining the premises it was found that someone, perhaps the housebreaker, had bitten off a piece of the side of a cheese and left some teeth marks in it.

Suspicion fell on two men who were arrested, and one of them allowed a cast of his mouth to be made. This was found to fit the marks on the cheese precisely, and expert evidence was given that no two sets of teeth are ever exactly alike.

## Knifing themselves

The medical expert is often asked to decide whether a wound has been fabricated or whether it is the result of a genuine assault.

Self-inflicted injuries are far commoner than is usually supposed. One motive is to aggravate a simple assault which has already occurred so as to wreak vengeance on an enemy or claim heavy damages. Assailants in criminal cases sometimes fabricate injuries to show that they were acting in self-defence.

Native policemen and guards do it to prove that they were defending property when really in connivance with the thieves.

If the wounds are discovered in particular parts of the body the medical expert is immediately suspicious, for certain sites are especially favoured by such tricksters.

The top of the head is a favourite spot, especially among bald-headed men; also the outer side of the left upper arm, the front of the left forearm, the front and outer side of the thighs, and the front of the chest and abdomen.

The fabricator seldom wounds himself through his clothes. Usually he cuts his clothes afterwards.

These frauds are fairly easily detected.

As a rule, if there is any doubt the medical man asks the supposed victim to reconstruct the crime, and this usually proves his downfall.

An old street hawker complained recently of an assault by two men whom he accused of beating him over the head with a stick. The first blow, he said, knocked him down, and the rest were delivered as he lay on the ground.

## Impossible!

His injuries were fourteen cuts between the eye and the forehead, which looked as if they had been carefully made with a razor.

When he was asked to show how he laid when injured, he did it in a position which completely covered up the wounds!

But it is in cases of suicide and murder that the pathologist finds his most difficult and important work. . . .

He is sitting in his laboratory. There is a ring at his telephone, and he is asked to call at a certain address.

At the door of some sordid dwelling he is met by a police-sergeant and ushered in.

The scene of the crime is horrible in its deathly stillness. The room is in awful disarray. A body lies on the floor exactly where it was discovered a few hours before. Nothing has been touched until the medical expert's arrival.

Swiftly he gets to work. Before moving anything he makes diagrams, sketches and notes. He takes measurements and perhaps one or two photographs.

Then, with a lens, he examines the cuts in the clothing and compares them with the wounds. Intently he observes the margins and extremities of the wounds and the spatters and smears of blood, the shapes of which to an expert eye reconstruct the tragic story.

In what order were the wounds inflicted? What was the weapon which produced them? Were they suicidal or homicidal?

Only too well he knows how dangerous it is to jump to conclusions. The other day a woman was examined who had run across a London street and was knocked down by a 'bus. Her injuries from this accident were found to be quite capable of causing her death.

But the doctor did not let it rest at this. He completed his examination thoroughly—and found that her stomach was full of oxalic acid. She had taken it only a few moments before running across the road under the very wheels of the 'bus.

## Murder or suicide?

In another case a man was buried after he had been certified as having died of meningitis. Three months later suspicion arose that he had died of violence. It appeared that he had been struck on the head eighteen days before his death.

The body was exhumed and a fracture of the skull discovered. Murder? Perhaps—but perhaps not. The careful medical expert had also discovered that the man's skull was in an abnormal condition, so that he might have died suddenly *without* violence.

Long practice makes a medical man expert in distinguishing cases of murder and suicide. He knows that there are certain types of wounds and certain peculiar circumstances which are strong presumptive evidence of self-destruction.

Stab wounds are the subject of special study for the medical expert. Suicidal stab wounds are nearly always over the heart and are directed at an angle from above downwards.

Homicidal stab wounds take almost any direction, and there are usually more than one. In cases of wounds by firearms it is hard to say where the dividing line comes between the work of the gun expert and the criminal pathologist. The medical expert usually ends by becoming a gun expert as well.

## "Bullet proof"

The top or surface of a bullet when examined under a stereo-microscope may show traces of tissue or other material from which a considerable amount of useful information may be obtained.

Not long ago a bullet was discovered by the police in connection with a shooting crime. Examination showed that it had passed through the tissues of a man dressed in a blue outer garment and a white shirt, finally striking a limestone rock or wall.

Police investigations brought to

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*Crime detection in the laboratory—and the scientist's microscope is proving to be a very powerful weapon indeed . . .*

light a man whose arm had been penetrated by a bullet. This man had arranged with his assailant that he should not accuse him. He was wearing a white shirt and a blue outer garment, pieces of which had been discovered on the bullet.

Frequently it becomes of paramount importance to determine at what range a shot was fired, so as to distinguish between suicide and murder, as in the case of a man who some time ago was tried on a charge of murdering his mother.

When the shooting occurred the two were alone except for a servant in another part of the house, who heard a shot followed by a scream and a thud. A few moments later the accused ran to her and told her that his mother had committed suicide.

A fortnight later the old lady died in hospital without making any deposition. The wounds were consistent with suicide, and no suspicions were aroused until six months afterwards, when it was found that her son had uttered twenty-nine forged cheques on her account.

## Two white hairs

He was tried for murder, and the crux of the case was the medical evidence. Could the wound have been suicidal when no signs of singeing or blackening had been discovered round it?

Exhaustive shooting experiments were made with the identical weapon by four experts, including Sir Bernard Spilsbury. Some of these were actually made on a leg which had been amputated from an injured man.

The verdict on the murder charge was "Not Proven."

Hairs and fibres are another subject of specialised study for the medical expert. After years of experience it is possible to distinguish animal from human hairs at a glance, and even to specify the sort of animal to which they belong.

To distinguish the fine difference in hairs the expert uses polarised light.

In the case of one man who was tried for murder, the principal piece of evidence was a hammer found in a hedge by the site of the crime with two short, stiff white hairs adhering to the end of it.

The defence tried to prove that these were goat hairs, since the hammer had been used for beating some goat skins which were found hanging on the same hedge. But two medical experts deposed that they were hairs from a human eyebrow similar to the victim's, and the accused was convicted.

## Tell-tale stains

But perhaps the most astonishing of all the advances which have been made in forensic medicine are those relating to bloodstains.

Here the methods used are extremely difficult and delicate, and where a man's life hangs in the balance none but the evidence of the highest experts is accepted.

When a suspicious stain is found on some fabric, article of furniture, or weapon, the first thing is to decide whether it is really a bloodstain. Many materials, such as jams, cochineal, dyes, rust, or snuff, produce very similar marks, particularly where the stain is old.

If the stain is on a fabric it is cut out, plunged in boiling water (if old), teased out with a glass rod, perhaps moistened with ammonium sulphide, and then placed on the slide of a microscope. If on metal, it is scraped off into a watch glass and put in solution.

What the medical investigator hopes to discover immediately is blood cells or corpuscles.

He may not find these, but if he does not he can follow up with a whole series of intricate chemical tests which will give him the information he desires.

The microspectroscope is a most valuable modern instrument for examining suspected bloodstains. It is so delicate that it can detect 1/1,000th part of a grain of hæmoglobin, the colouring matter of blood. It can also detect the causes of certain forms of death by asphyxia when the blood is impregnated with poisons.

If these tests prove the stain is blood they cannot show whether it is *human* blood. Certainly the blood cells of men and other mammals differ slightly in size, but these differences are too slight for a practical test.

But sometimes it is enough if a medical expert can say that a sample of blood is not mammalian. In a murder case tried in the Midlands the accused pleaded that certain incriminating stains were due to his killing a fowl.

Microscopic examination showed that the blood was from a mammal, and this was enough to convict him.

But medical science has now advanced to a point where it can distinguish human blood from the blood of any animal.

It is found that when a foreign protein is injected into the blood of an animal certain substances are formed in that animal's blood which precipitate this protein.

Thus, if a rabbit is injected with human blood, its serum after a time will precipitate any further human blood that is injected. But if it is injected with, say, horse's blood no precipitation will occur.

Obviously a serum from such a rabbit will act as a test of whether a bloodstain in a murder case is human or not.

## One man's blood . .

The precipitin test, as it is called, acts with extraordinary efficiency. It makes no difference whether the blood has been dried for many years, and it is so delicate that it will give positive results from a dilution of one in 20,000 of 1/32nd part of a drop of human blood.

The precipitin test can also be applied to the tissues of human bones and muscles.

But even this is not the last word. Medical science has even discovered tests whereby one man's blood may be distinguished from another's and a child disproved to be a legitimate heir.

These collectively are known as the agglutination test. It is the result of investigations which were made to discover why in blood transfusions it sometimes happened that the red cells of the patient agglutinated so that he died.

It was found that all human beings fall into one of four groups, each of which possesses in the blood a combination drawn from four different substances.

By a series of chemical experiments it is possible to discover into which group any particular sample of blood falls. On the strength of this a medical expert may be able to say that a bloodstain discovered on a suspected man's clothing is not his own blood, but is of the same group as the murdered man's.

## Divorce evidence

In a case of inheritance he can say that a certain man was not the father of a child, or that he may be the father.

In 1926, two thousand children were examined in Germany, and in only one case was this test found to be not absolutely reliable.

Recently the Hamburg court granted a divorce, the husband basing his application on a plea that the child was not his. He brought forward as evidence the proof that his blood and that of the child belonged to different groups.

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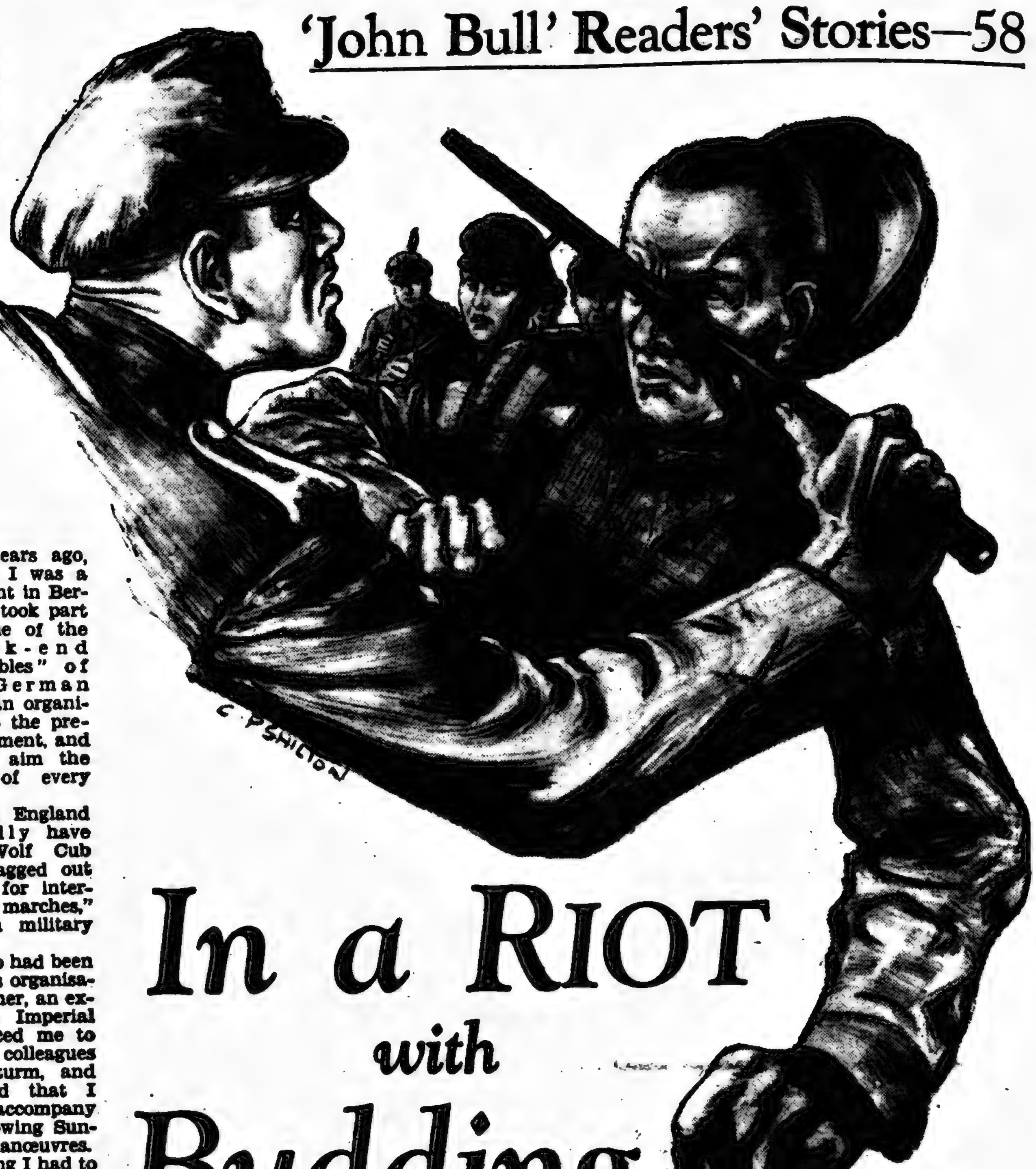

*"Our officer suddenly lashed out with the big stick he was carrying, striking the other man across the face".*

# In a RIOT with Budding Nazis

SOME years ago, when I was a student in Berlin, I took part in one of the week-end "rambles" of the German "Jungsturm," an organisation allied to the present Nazi movement, and having as its aim the militarisation of every German boy.

Boys who in England would hardly have passed the Wolf Cub stage were dragged out every Sunday for interminable "route marches," ending with military manœuvres.

A friend, who had been forced into this organisation by his father, an ex-officer in the Imperial army, introduced me to some of his colleagues in the Jungsturm, and they suggested that I might like to accompany them the following Sunday on their manœuvres.

The first thing I had to do was to buy equipment. A "Gott mit uns" belt was one of the very first essentials—some of the boys had belts which their fathers brought back from the World War in 1918.

I BOUGHT one at a multiple store—which Hitler has now boycotted—together with a small spade, a rucksack, a water-bottle, and other gear. I was also told to bring any armaments I could get hold of, such as dummy revolvers, blank cartridges, or bayonets. I took a bowie-knife.

I met my friend on Saturday evening. He looked at me critically.

"Your belt is upside down," he said. "One can't read the inscription." I changed the belt round, and then he glared at my hair.

"Much too untidy. When you're with the Jungsturm you must regard yourself as a soldier. Try some oil." I tried some oil, and again appeared before him—this time for kit inspection. I got over this part of the business all right, for he had made out a list of the things I should want. Then he gave me a final word of advice.

"Remember that while you are with us you are part of the 'Neue Deutschland'—the new army which is going to conquer the enemies of the Vaterland," he said. "Although you are English, you must obey your officers and carry yourself as a soldier of the Vaterland."

We assembled outside the Potsdamer Station in military formation, and it was there that I realised that we were not indeed back in the pre-war years.

For a big "Schupo" (policeman) reminded our C.O. that we were within the one-kilometre radius of the German Reichstag, and that any kind of assembly in that radius was forbidden. Grumbling, we dispersed. We had just attracted a nice crowd.

Travelling fourth class in a seatless rail truck of the "40 hommes, 8 chevaux" type, we sang patriotic songs until we arrived at our destination—a small village some thirty-five miles from Berlin. At least, those of us who were awake. Most of the smaller boys were asleep.

We walked by moonlight to our sleeping quarters, a farmhouse ten miles distant, where we crept up a ladder into a hayloft to sleep. The officers slept in a spare room in the farmhouse.

I spent a pretty restless night. The boy next to me talked and sang in his sleep, waking up most of the other inmates of the loft, and reprisals from the other boys, in the shape of boots, sticks and stones, aimed at the offender, seemed mostly to hit me. It was a hot summer night and the air was stifling.

NEXT morning we arose at six, and after washing under the pump and eating a hearty breakfast, set out for a near-by "Exezier Platz" for a spot of military drill. After this the real business of the day began—a thirty-mile route march across country to Brandenburg.

It began happily enough, but by 10 a.m. we began to realise that it was going to be a very hot day. The younger boys started to limp and then complain of thirst, but they received scant consolation, except to be told that they would have to cover fifteen miles before lunch.

During the march we sang further instalments of patriotic songs, and for short periods practised the goose-step. Fortunately, only for short periods! It is the most wearying form of progress that man could ever have invented.

More than once during the morning we ran out of drinking-water. There are few farms in that part of Brandenburg which would supply water for a small army of thirsty boys.

Small incidents during the march remain clearly in my mind. I can still see the unfortunate small boy who was to give his last drop of water to his officer, "for disciplinary training."

And the boy whose shoes made his feet blister He was told to take them off and walk barefoot.

THERE was comradeship, too—though mostly between the boys themselves. Many carried the packs and equipment of the limping ones, though this was deprecated by one officer in charge.

"German soldiers must not falter. A little will-power is all that is needed" was his comment.

Although I was fairly used to walking, the pace soon began to tell, and the countryside lost all the interest it ever had. I longed for the village which was mapped out for lunch.

We reached it at last, and had beer and food in the back garden of a cottage. We sang a few songs about the soldier's life being the best of all, etc., and then set out again, immediately feeling twice as weary as before.

The boy with the blistered feet put his shoes on again, as the road had turned to flints. About three o'clock we stopped, and the officer in charge addressed us.

"You are going to take part in a new kind of manœuvre to-day," he announced. Gloomy silence met this statement.

"New manœuvres mean too much work," the boy next to me confided. "They take you over miles of rough

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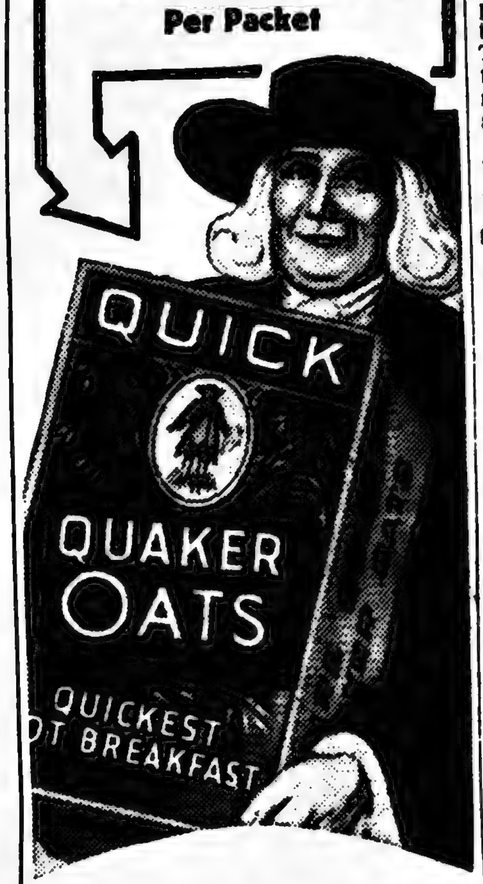

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# Battle of the Schoolboys

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*Germany's militant youth – members of a movement similar to that in which our reader encountered the startling experience he relates here*

country looking for ambushes."

"You will divide into two parties," the officer continued. "One party will proceed along this road to a spot to be announced later, and the other will wait here for an hour. Then the second party will spread and try to ambush the others. This will give an opportunity for revolver and rifle practice with blank ammunition."

We divided, and, fortunately, I was with the first party. All we had to do was to choose a good spot to hide in and wait for the others to find us.

The others sat down and waited, while we went on. We went on—and on. At last we stopped at some cross-roads, and posted some boys along the roads leading towards us—to signal if they saw the enemy. I realised now what my spade was for.

We were told to entrench ourselves in a potato field! The unfortunate farmer lived miles away, and it was Sunday, anyway. We made a lovely mess of his potato field, and lay in the burrows we had grubbed—waiting.

THE unfortunate enemy were a long time in appearing. They had to scour a large-sized forest to make sure we were not hiding in it.

They appeared at last, and our outposts signalled by whistle. When the enemy approached within firing distance the officer in charge of our party gave the signal "Fire!" and all those with dummy revolvers let fly.

The others clapped their hands to imitate machine-gun fire. We made a jolly sort of row. The enemy were taken completely by surprise, and it was announced that our party had won, by being so completely hidden.

The other party was utterly exhausted, with a further ten miles ahead of it before reaching the train at Brandenburg. After a lecture by an officer on the mistakes we had made and military tactics generally, we began those last ten miles.

After doing about two we suddenly saw another party following us along the road. They were walking faster than we were, and soon caught us up.

Then we realised what they were—the hated "Rot Front Kämpfer" (Red Front Fighters), our opposite numbers in the Communist Party.

For a moment of suspense my friends gazed at these mortal enemies. Here was a first-class riot in the making. They were being passed on the road by a lot of Red Scum!

But they were rather tired, and, as the Reds looked as if they were not very keen on a fight, it seemed as if things would pass off with a few cat-calls about "Juden-bande" (pack of Jews) and—from the Reds—"Kriegs-Hetzer" (warmongers).

Unfortunately, however, the officer in charge of our party was a German of the pre-war school. He had (strangely enough) been with the first party which avoided the long search through the forest, and apparently felt fresh enough to be belligerent.

Anyhow, as the Red leader passed him, our officer suddenly lashed out with the big stick he was carrying, striking the other man across the face, and apparently breaking his nose, for it looked as if it had had a piece nicked out of the middle.

Blood streamed all over the Red leader's face, and in a few moments the entire road was a struggling mass.

The Red Front Fighters were more numerous, but the Jungsturmers had their knives, and revolvers which they used as truncheons. It is curious how a fight will revive tired people—everybody appeared to be quite fresh again.

Personally, I had no feelings in the matter, and I did not much wish to be mixed up in a political scuffle that did not concern me, and would be bound to end in broken heads all round, anyway.

AS no one appeared to be wanting to attack me for the moment, I stayed out of the general riot. Unfortunately, I didn't have much chance of avoiding hostilities. I found myself facing a big man in a red shirt, who aimed a large ham-shaped fist right at my nose.

He didn't get as far as my nose, however, for I dived for his legs, and we both rolled on the ground, while knuckle-dusters and "Gummi-knüppel" (hard-rubber truncheons) whirled overhead.

Before meeting me my big red-shirt had got a bash on the nose, and very soon I was nearly blinded with his blood, which seemed to be all over everything.

He slithered out of my grip like a wet eel, but soon got into the same way himself—he couldn't see out of his eyes for it.

By this time, I regret to say, I thought things had gone quite far enough, so I gave him a final push and slipped over the side of the road into a wide ditch half full of water.

I peeped over the top to see how things were getting on, and saw that the battle was still raging. A crowd of peasants had collected at a respectful distance to watch the proceedings.

Now, as the little row continued, it was easy to see that a large number of both parties would not get up and walk home that night.

They lay about the road amid a selection of truncheons and knives, with blood all over the place.

The bull-necked officer who had started things lay on the ground with a black eye. My pack and equipment had been torn off during my encounter with the ham-fisted man, and, waiting for a moment when everyone was fighting, I crept out of my ditch and retrieved it. The water-bottle had been stamped on, and looked like a woolly plate.

I could see by now that things had gone just a little too far, even for Germany, and the police would soon be on the spot to arrest everybody concerned.

I HAD not the slightest political interest in spending the night in a German police-cell, and so, very undramatically, I slunk away across the fields in the direction of Brandenburg.

As I went I saw a police lorry tearing down the road towards the "battle-ground."

I felt quite sorry for myself, even so, for the bull-neck had got the other half of my return ticket. And, what was more, I had to spend half an hour at a pond getting the visual record of the ham-fisted individual off my face and clothes. I did not want to be arrested on suspicion as a murderer before reaching home!

I saw my friend about a week later. He had been locked up for a few days, despite the efforts of his family to get him released. He asked me what had happened, and I told him.

"Well," he said, "you English always seem to manage to scrape out of things somehow. Look at the Great War!"

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# DARK DAYS

*"Her eyes were full of pain"*

WHEN we found four-year-old Iris in her home, she was lying down, her dark eyes full of pain, suffering from toothache. She is also waiting to have her tonsils out.

Iris is one of five children, and has two older and two younger brothers. Her dad wishes he could afford to buy her a little bed to herself, as at present she sleeps with the boys, aged ten and eight, in a small back room looking on to a squalid yard. The bed and the mangle occupy nearly all the available space.

Iris's father and mother and two younger brothers sleep in the front room, which is also the living-room. This is their home, and must be clung to until Iris's father can get regular work.

He is an ex-Service man who received a small pension for heart trouble when he was discharged from the Army, but this lasted only two years. As a french polisher he earned a fair wage. His trade, however, has fallen off, and for two years he has had no regular work. During the last year he has been under the doctor for nerve trouble.

He now limps badly because of a septic foot, caused through his breaking a piece of wood with his foot and not noticing a nail sticking up, which went through the worn-out sole of his boot and resulted in an operation.

Iris's mother makes the best of things, but she, too, has had a nervous breakdown, and longs for better times.

This is the bare outline of a little home in the centre of London: good and unselfish parents doing their best for a family of five young children.

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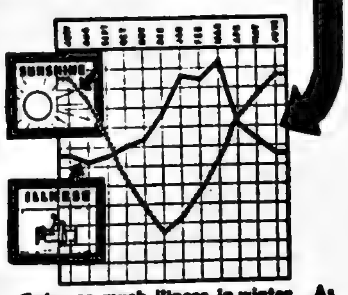

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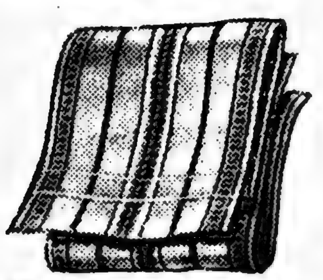

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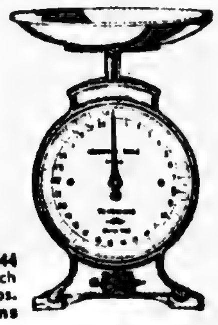

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# The Woman whose Work is Never Done

"It makes me uncomfortable to see her working while I take my ease"

I DON'T know who it was who said: "Woman's work is never done." But it is perfectly true, if my postbag is any criterion. Take this case:

A correspondent, in recounting her problem, tells me she has five children, all under twelve. And, in addition, she looks after her mother, who is an invalid. Yet her husband's wage is only thirty-three shillings a week. How they manage to exist is a mystery.

This woman must be continually on the go—day and night. And there are thousands of others in a similar position.

But here is a letter showing the other side of the picture. It comes from a girl of nineteen, who tells me that she is the eldest of three children—the other two being twin brothers three years younger than herself. She goes on:

"My father is foreman of a motor works and we are quite comfortably off. There is, however, one matter which rather troubles me. My mother is one of the very best and I owe everything to her and to dad. But she is extremely 'house-proud' and must always be busy with something or other.

"I am in business and do not finish until seven o'clock and then I feel that I have earned the rest of the day for myself. Yet I never reach home without finding mother still busy about the house and, although she does not say much, I can see that she thinks I ought not to be sitting down reading a book. In any case, it makes me uncomfortable to see her working and me not helping.

"From one or two hints dad has let fall I rather think he must have had the same feeling for a long time. And yet he often turns to and helps in the evening after a hard day at work."

AND then this girl of nineteen adds this significant sentence: "Both mum and dad read your articles, and if you publish this letter, they will be sure to see your advice."

Now, I have had a good many problems to tackle relating to "house-proud" wives and mothers. And it is not an easy subject to deal with.

Any woman worthy of the name is naturally proud of her home. She wants it to be as attractive as she can make it. And most men, if they had to choose between a woman of this type and a slut and a sloven, would not hesitate very long.

But it is possible to be far too particular. A woman's home may be her castle. But a castle can be a cheerless spot And so can a home in which comfort is sacrificed to appearance.

Let us look again at this girl's letter. There seems no earthly reason why that mother should have to work night and day. Her husband is in regular and well-paid employment. Her daughter is also at work, and, though I am not told what the boys are doing, they are sixteen years old, and, therefore, not the same tie as much younger children would be.

THIS mother's duty, in my judgment, is clear.

My correspondent and her father are entitled to spend their leisure hours in peace and comfort. It is unfair to expect them to "turn to" when they have been "hard at it" all the day.

If this woman cannot finish her housework before they arrive home, then she should have someone to help her. With the money that must be going into that household it is surely possible to afford a little assistance.

And let me say a word to the woman herself. When her children were young and her husband had probably not such a good job as now, it is likely that she had to work pretty hard. But now that conditions have improved, she herself is entitled to a restful time.

Years pass so very quickly. I urge her to take time by the forelock. While she has the opportunity, let her enjoy the companionship of her husband and her family. Many wives I know would be only too glad to have the same chance.

My next letter, from a husband, shows what happens when a woman carries her enthusiasm for the house too far:

"I left my wife a year ago," this man says, "simply because I couldn't live up to her standard. Let me be perfectly open in the matter. She had none of the usual vices and she was what many people would regard as a model wife. But I was the victim of her perfections.

"If I flicked some ash from my cigarette on to the carpet, I was told I was making the house 'not fit to be seen.' If I left a paper on a chair, I was 'littering up the place.' It got so bad that I was afraid to sit on the settee for fear of crumpling the cushions. In the end it became so intolerable that I cleared out.

"I have been allowing her really more than I can afford out of my wages and, as a result, have been left none too flush myself. More than once she has tried to get me back again and I have just had another letter begging me to return and saying that if we both try to pull together we can still make a success of things.

"Now, quite frankly, there are certain attractions in this proposal. Do you think it possible to be really happy after a separation of this kind?"

This letter serves to show the flimsy pretexts upon which a husband and wife will separate. I can understand that happening in the case of persistent cruelty or insanity or even habitual drunkenness. But, for the life of me, I fail to see why a man and a woman can't each make some concession to the other's point of view before domestic shipwreck is reached.

Still, we are dealing with human nature as it is and not as it ought to be.

In the case under review, most people will sympathise with this husband. After all, what are carpets and cushions compared with peace and happiness? The ones can be replaced—the others not so easily.

BUT there is, of course, the woman's point of view. Many a man flies into a rage when he finds that someone has scratched his wireless set or his gramophone, and yet that same man, without any compunction, will go upstairs and leave his dirty bootmarks on the bedroom carpet just after it has been swept.

And these troubles arise because we will not see the other person's point of view.

It is irritating, I know, for a man to find that his home has been made into a model showroom which must not be disarranged at any price. It is just as bad for a woman who makes a hobby of her home to have odds and ends strewn all over the place.

My strong advice to both of these people is to "try again." But they must make up their minds that there shall be no petty annoyances on either side. If each one will only place the other first, that man's last question will be answered quite definitely in the affirmative.

And for my third problem let me deal with what I fear is a very common complaint. This time the letter comes from a woman, who tells me that all her friends think that she has "a husband in a thousand."

"But they don't know him as I do," she continues. "He has got many good points, I admit. He is steady, hard-working and does not squander his money on such things as drink and gambling. But because of his ways I lead a pretty miserable existence.

"He sits and broods when we are alone and for weeks at a time I never get a civil word from him. As we have no family it makes things very hard, and I confess that it is getting on my nerves. What is so strange is that when friends call to see us he can be as lively as a cricket. That is why they all think I am so much to be envied.

"I can't go on like this much longer, and I wonder if you can tell me what I ought to do. Sometimes I feel like taking the bit of money I have managed to save and leaving him to fend for himself."

IT seems that there are only two reasons for his behaviour. The first is that his wife either has done or is still doing something that displeases him. And he isn't man enough to have it out with her. Or, secondly, he has grown so accustomed to his home life that, quite frankly, it is beginning to bore him. There are so many men who, after some years of married life, take everything for granted.

What is the remedy? I think my correspondent must, first of all, try to ascertain the cause of the trouble. She can point out to him how different he is when they are alone from what he is when other people are there.

If she can obtain no satisfaction in this way, then it is certain that other measures will have to be taken. This woman can't go on living a life of this kind. Has she not some relation or friend with whom she can spend a few weeks? I have known temporary separations of that sort bring many a man to his senses. By that means they learn to appreciate their women-folk at their true worth

It was the late King Edward who once said: "The pride and glory of every great nation is in its home life." And, though many people may feel that they have cause for complaint, they are sensible enough to realise that, in the words of the old song, "There's no place like home."

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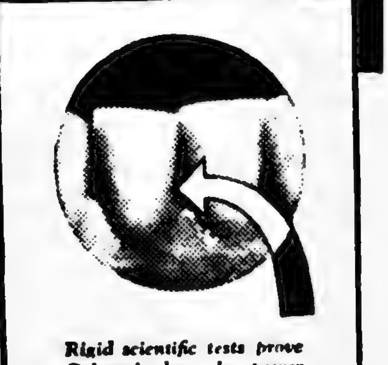

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The fourth away and free. . . :

The case of "Spider" Sullivan, the middle-aged crook, who slipped over the thirty-foot wall of Oxford Jail, and disappeared without trace, raises a most interesting problem.

How is it that, in rare instances, the man who breaks from imprisonment can effectively evade the police of the whole country and avoid rearrest for at least an appreciable period of time?

For the machinery employed for the capture of an escaped prisoner is amazing in its completeness. That is proved by the fact that successful escapes from British prisons are less than 2 per cent. And a successful escape in the eyes of the prison authorities is one in which a prisoner gains and retains his liberty for a fortnight.

A well-defined plan is followed immediately the escape is discovered; from tha moment the prison syren sounds the hue and cry.

ALL other prisoners out in the body of the prison at their work are marched back to their corridors and locked in their cells in order that as large a number of warders as possible may be detailed as searchers.

So begins the first comb-out of the district in which the prison is situated. Every road is patrolled. The whole countryside becomes alive with uniformed figures—watching, hunting.

Motor-cars are requisitioned for the warders. Every police mobile section within fifty miles of the prison is called out to assist. Police headquarters direct the flying columns. Wireless messages can concentrate the police cars at any one spot or distribute them through any given area.

That intensive search in prison town and countryside is the first immediate business towards a recapture. If it fails, then the hunt spreads in widening circles.

Within a few hours of the escape the full description of the missing man is in every police station of the country. And it is a really helpful description; not just height and build and cast of features, but all the kind of details which will help in identifying a man—his habits, the way he walks, the manner of his talking.

By the morning after the escape, too, every police station throughout England receives a photograph, side and full face, of the prisoner. Each constable before he goes on duty must know by heart the description of the man who is at large, and must have made himself acquainted with the picture.

FROM the very minute of the escape the home of the prisoner and the places he was known to have frequented before his original arrest are watched. Day and night his home and the houses of his relatives are kept under observation.

His womenfolk are followed. They do not know it, perhaps; but, in all their goings and comings, their footsteps are dogged by a quiet, unobtrusive, observant detective. In some cases even their letters, by special arrangements with the postal authorities, are opened, read, resealed and then delivered, with not a mark on the envelopes to indicate that the written news is known.

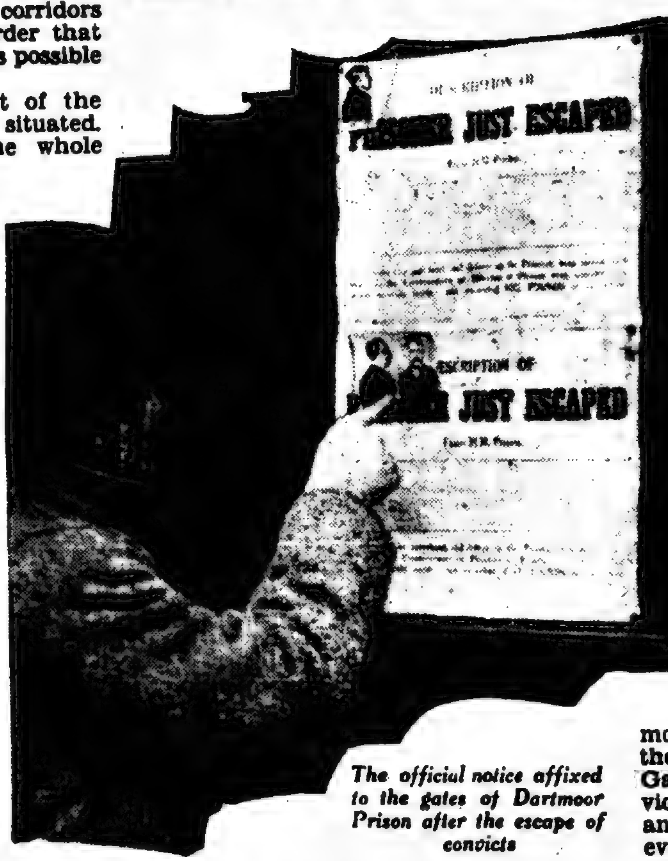
Some time, sooner or later, the escaped prisoner is almost certain to try to get into touch with one particular woman, and in doing so he has made his fatal mistake. The woman unconsciously leads the police back to her man. Through the woman he is caught.

Careful records are kept at New Scotland Yard of every prison escape in England, and an analysis shows that in nine cases out of ten, where a man has broken prison or custody in a police station, he has been caught again through a woman.

One of the most spectacular escapes of recent years came to such an ending—through a woman.

It was early morning at Wandsworth Prison, and a party of the prisoners was at exercise in the yard adjoining the wall, outside of which runs a public road.

Suddenly a silk rope ladder came unwinding over the wall to fall with its end only a few feet from the ground and its top attached securely. Two prisoners rushed away from their round-and-round-the-circle marching. One was seized by a warder, but the other, James Turner, reached the ladder before he could be stopped; was over the wall in a flash, to clamber down the other side by means of an extending ladder, and get away in a waiting motor-car.



*The official notice affixed to the gates of Dartmoor Prison after the escape of convicts*

This escape had been well planned with the aid of a man who had been discharged from Wandsworth a week or two before. Turner and his prison mate had talked over the business by Morse code tapping on their adjoining cell walls.

They had safeguarded themselves against being overheard by a remarkable device. Each had used his cell washing basin filled with water as a sound detector. Tremors on the surface of the water gave warning when an official was approaching along the steel passage way.

TURNER managed to get clean away, and for many weary days the police search for him persisted. His pretty young wife had moved from her home the day before the escape, and there was no indication of her new address. The police were sure that Turner and the girl were together, but how to find them was the puzzle.

One morning a detective, travelling in an omnibus near Clapham Junction, overheard a conversation between two women which made him suspicious. The elder of the women dropped a paper, which the detective reached for and returned to her, but not before he had noted the address scribbled on the paper.

Quickly the police took action. Detectives surrounded the house, and when an entrance had been forced Turner was discovered. He had lost his freedom through a woman.

It quite commonly happens that a man who has escaped from prison gives himself up after a spell of liberty. That is because his nerves cannot stand the strain of being continually on the alert. He knows that every person's hand is against him. He has the sense of being perpetually watched. He is frightened of shadows, and in the end he seeks relief by going into a police station and saying, "I'm the fellow you are wanting."

Such a man was John Ryan, who literally walked out of Brixton Jail. When visitors to the prison were being sent away, Ryan, who had secured a warder's cap and overcoat, mingled with them. The gate guard did not notice him, and he was free. And he remained so for a whole month, only in the end to give himself up.

Certain prisons have never known a successful escape.

Dartmoor has seen more prison-breaking exploits than any other, but always—with but one exception—the prisoners were caught.

"The Moor always wins," says the old convict, and that is absolutely true. The longest period of liberty enjoyed by any escaped Dartmoor convicts was eight days. This was the record set up by two prisoners named Gaskén and Amey. Gasken had previously broken prison on two occasions, and was thus a man of experience, but even he could not manage to defeat the "Moor."

There was one prisoner who broke from Dartmoor and was never recaptured. Instead death met him on the Moor. The only traces of him ever found were his cap on the verge of a bog and the track of his feet as he ran from the hunters through the misty darkness to blunder into the engulfing mud. The Moor had won again.

WOMEN have never made a prolonged escape from any English prison. None has ever succeeded in getting away from Holloway, London's prison for women, although there have been many attempts.

Actually one woman in Holloway managed to secure a complete kit of men's clothes. She dressed herself in them and tried to pass the gate as a workman was coming off duty. Her bravado proved her undoing, for she lit a cigarette, and the glow of the match showed up her face so that she was recognised by the janitor.

In Scotland, a woman named Mary McChonnachie did manage a most daring escape from Perth Penitentiary, and was free for seven days. It was never discovered how she got out—that is still a mystery in prison history. She was caught through trying to make contact with friends whom she thought would assist her.

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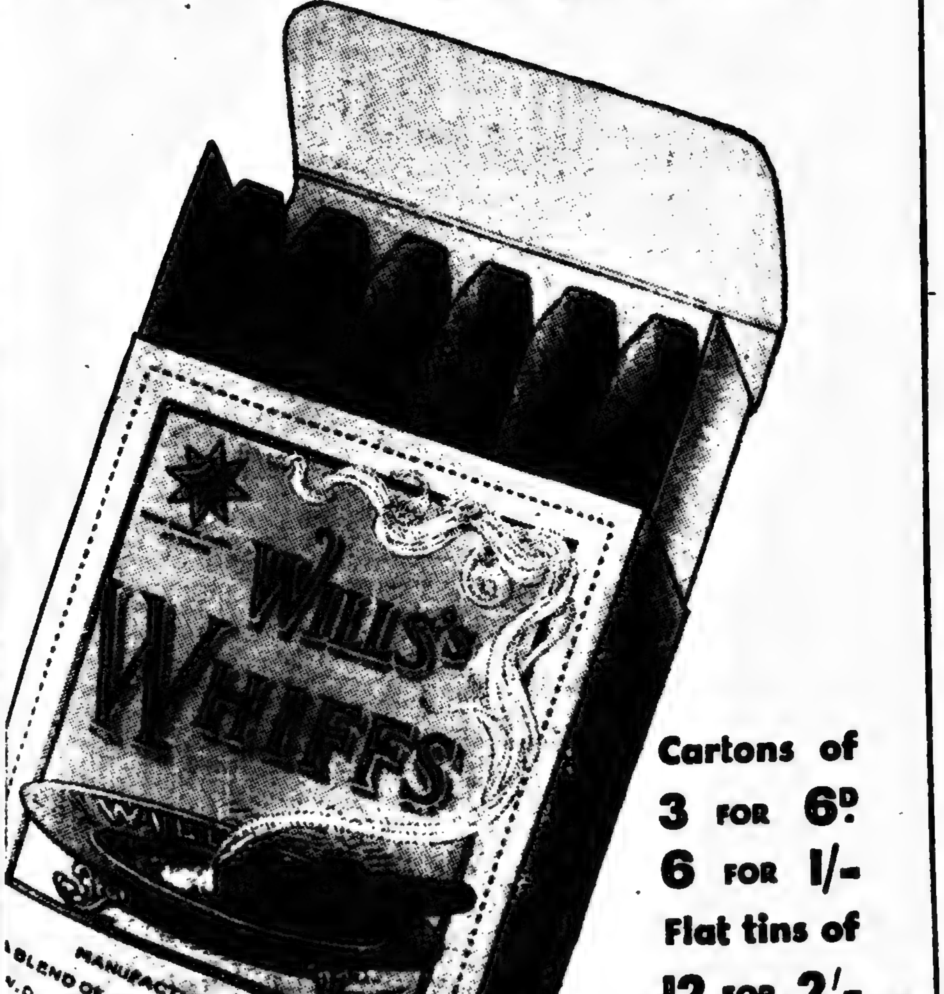

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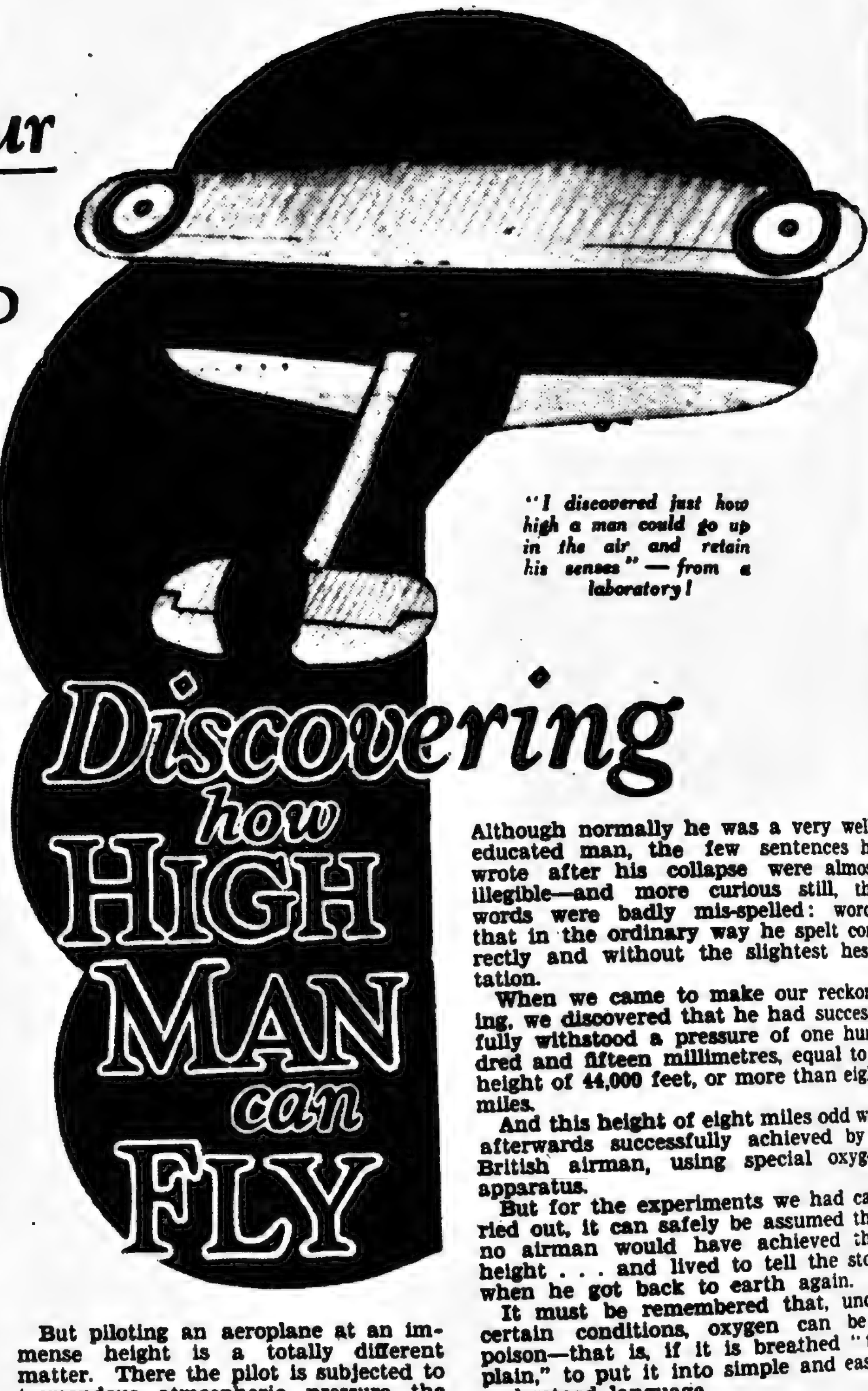

*"I discovered just how high a man could go up in the air and retain his senses" — from a laboratory!*

## Discovering how HIGH MAN can FLY

SOME people believe that scientists are dull folk. They imagine that because we devote our lives to more or less abstract problems we have little or no connection with life as it is represented by humanity in the bulk.

But did they but know it, scientists by the very nature of their work and of their research are as fully alive to life with a capital "L" as any "man or woman in the street."

I have been asked to tell of an hour I would like to live again. Well, I have had many such hours.

Although more than fifty years have passed since it happened, there is one hour which I feel sure will for ever remain firmly fixed in my memory—an hour when as a schoolboy I earned what was to me the greatest hour that could be earned.

I was at Haileybury at the time. I was then a forward in the school Rugby team. And let me hasten to say, lest I be accused of vainglory, that in this particular year we had a very poor side!

I had not then got my colours. But it was an honour I desired more than anything else at the time. There was I a young, and comparatively untried, Rugby player, pitchforked into the School Fifteen, wondering whether I should ever be able to make good.

### *Minus my shorts!*

We were playing what was known then, although I do not know whether time has altered the phrasing, as a "foreign" match.

I have already told you that we had a very weak team that year. It was, therefore, all the more necessary that I should make a good impression. Alas, it did not at first appear as though I should do so. Whenever we went into a "scrum," we were pushed all over the place. I was a forward and it seemed to me as though I would never get the ball.

Then the miracle happened. From a "scrum" the ball came out to me and I was off like a young deer. Two of our opponents made a grab for me. I felt something give as I passed them, but I did not stop to bother about what it was.

On and on I ran, speeding like the wind, eluding one man after another. Then with my lungs well-nigh bursting, I touched down between the posts. A try!

It was only when the two teams formed a sudden ring round me that I realised that, in addition to scoring a try, I had also completed the best part of a length of the field minus the better part of my football "shorts"!

### *Man in the chamber*

Well, that was a great hour worth living over again, but perhaps my greatest was when, in company with fellow-scientists, I discovered just how high a man could go up in the air and retain his senses.

Everyone has read, of course, of the amazing feat of Professor Picard, who rose some ten miles into the sky. It is with no sense of belittling that achievement that I mention that such efforts are achieved by the experimenter breathing under the same atmospheric conditions as we do normally.

But piloting an aeroplane at an immense height is a totally different matter. There the pilot is subjected to tremendous atmospheric pressure the higher he climbs into the heavens.

In order to discover how high a man could climb, and yet retain his senses, we experimented with goats, monkeys, guinea-pigs, mice and rats. Some people may imagine that this was cruelty to animals. I assure them it was nothing of the kind.

We used the animals and rodents in order that we could decide whether the result of one experiment would hold good for all classes of animals.

My colleagues and I who are conducting these experiments, as soon as we had collected certain data, then found it necessary to conduct more advanced experiments, using a man.

The volunteer for the job was placed in a sealed chamber, fitted only with a chair and a small table. We could observe him perfectly, as the chamber was made of thick glass.

### *"Eight miles up"*

It was arranged that he should write down his impressions as the air was slowly pumped from the receptacle, and oxygen introduced in its stead—which answered to the effect of an aeroplane rising higher and higher into the atmosphere.

Little by little we noticed a change in him. He appeared to grow sleepy—then his fingers relaxed and he dropped first his note-book, and then the pencil he was using.

We let him remain for a matter of a second or two—then a little less oxygen was introduced to restore the balance of natural air that he required to retain consciousness.

The effect was remarkable. He picked up first the pencil, then the note-book, and after a delay of a second or so, he began once more to make notes as though nothing had happened to suspend his faculties.

But the curious thing was this. Although normally he was a very well-educated man, the few sentences he wrote after his collapse were almost illegible—and more curious still, the words were badly mis-spelled: words that in the ordinary way he spelt correctly and without the slightest hesitation.

When we came to make our reckoning, we discovered that he had successfully withstood a pressure of one hundred and fifteen millimetres, equal to a height of 44,000 feet, or more than eight miles.

And this height of eight miles odd was afterwards successfully achieved by a British airman, using special oxygen apparatus.

But for the experiments we had carried out, it can safely be assumed that no airman would have achieved that height . . . and lived to tell the story when he got back to earth again.

It must be remembered that, under certain conditions, oxygen can be a poison—that is, if it is breathed "too plain," to put it into simple and easily understood language.

### *Gliding the Atlantic!*

You may ask what is the use of such an experiment: what value lies in the desire to rise to such tremendous height into the clouds.

The answer is not hard to give.

Where aircraft are concerned, especially for fighting purposes, the higher they can rise, the safer they are from enemy attack, the more effective they will be if carrying out bombing raids on an enemy country, immune from anti-aircraft attack, and there is also a definite value from the point of view of civil aviation.

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### *Saving life*

If such a day does come—and science is bringing it nearer and nearer—then the present danger of damage by storms would be ruled out. At such enormous heights the atmosphere is not subjected to anything like the changes that occur lower down and nearer to this earth.

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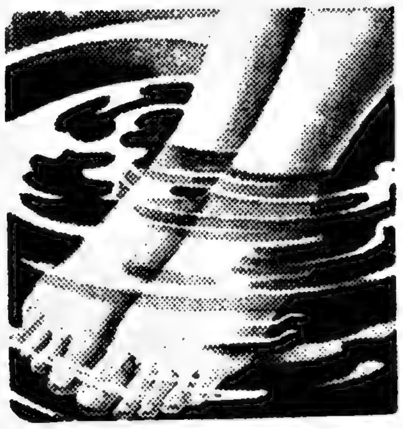

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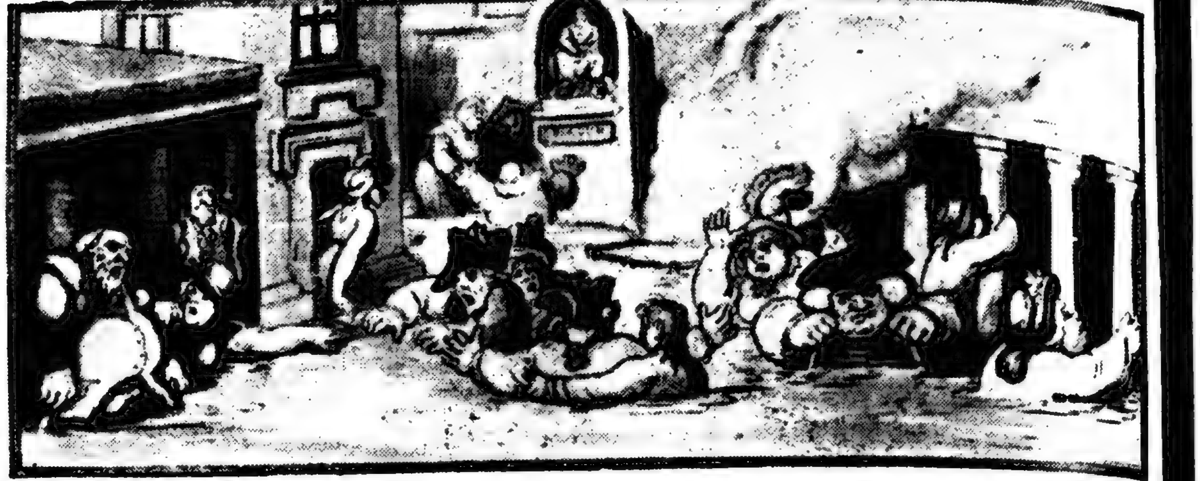
*"Oh, 'twas pretty to see them all put on their flannels. And then take the waters like so many spaniels"—an impression of the Bath of the good old days by Rowlandson*



# The SPAS of Old England

## —Will they come into their own again?

AT every hour of the night and day, waters so beneficial for many afflictions that they might have been provided by Nature for no other purpose gush from underground reservoirs all over Great Britain.

The Romans knew them. The Britons, before them, had their beehive-like semi-subterranean baths. Yet we allow the bulk of the output of these health-giving springs to run to waste.

We pay £2,000,000 in medical benefit every year in respect of State-insured workers suffering from rheumatic afflictions alone. The loss to the State, due to this complaint, is estimated at £17,000,000 annually.

Yet only an infinitesimal percentage of these sufferers have bathed in or tasted these waters that in their own country offer them cure or relief.

ON top of that, sufferers who can afford to pay for their own treatment, and might be expected to know all about our British spas, go to foreign countries for water far inferior to those they could find almost on their own doorsteps.

That is the story as far as it concerns rheumatic afflictions alone.

You have to bear in mind that what is true of that range of complaints is true also of nerve troubles, mental overstrain, heart and circulation complaints, and a whole host of diseases and breakdowns of middle age, to realise how serious has been this neglect of British spas and watering-places.

We patronise eighty-three spas in France, fifty-eight in Germany, twenty in Italy, and 125 distributed over Spain, Portugal, Czecho-slovakia, Roumania, Hungary, Poland and Switzerland, without a thought for the fact that for the majority of complaints amenable to spa treatment better water is to be found at home.

Why? Simply because there has grown up in the British mind, for no known reason, and certainly without any justification, the idea that to get any benefit at all from natural medicine, as distinct from the chemist's mixture, one has to drag one's aching limbs and joints across seas and continents to some foreign place with a high-sounding name.

Because of that ridiculous idea, British spas that gave health and strength in an abounding stream in the Middle Ages have been lost and forgotten.

To take London alone, merely because it is the last place you would regard as a spa.

We have built a General Post Office over one spa, and a prison over another. At Streatham all but one of the thirteen of the old-time life-giving springs have been lost. Islington has lost every shred of its old glory as a watering-place, and Hampstead has nothing more than a trickling fountain to remind it of the days when people flocked there to find new fitness.

And as for Epsom, an hour's run out of London, and once famous everywhere for its waters—well, we are content to get our Epsom salts from the chemist nowadays. The Epsom salt water is forgotten.

Now a big fight is being made to get all this altered. Prominent specialists, who know what we have been missing, are banded together in a British Health Resorts Association that is to teach us common-sense about our own spas.

AS to the rich who waste their money abroad, they are going to be taught that our waters are quite as valuable as any to be found abroad for the particular illnesses to which they relate, and that other conditions to be found here make them positively superior to the foreign article.

The temperate quality of our climate, tho unusual freshness and incessant movement of our air, the longer northern days, the fact that none of our springs is situated in enclosed and sultry valleys, are facts which help to make our British resorts supreme.

This re-education of the wealthier people is not to be the beginning and end of the movement, however.

The nation is going to be made conscious of its spas. Poorer people are going to be taught that for two guineas a week they can live in an excellent hotel in a leading spa town and take the waters.

The State has to learn its lesson, too. It will be urged to make spa treatment accessible for any insured person who will get greater benefit from natural waters than from the dispensary varieties.

There are twelve spas proper in Britain, although there are dozens of other inland watering places with medicinal springs of great value.

Some, such as Llandrindod, Bridge of Allan and Strathpeffer, might be called the thin man's spas, although in certain cases they might be just what the doctor orders for a fat man. That is to say that most chronic cases of indigestion are benefited by their waters which, taken fasting, eliminate toxins and restore appetite.

Others, such as Leamington, Cheltenham or Harrogate, might be called in the same very broad way the robust man's spas Congestive, stout and bilious subjects do well there.

All the year round the cures go on. Chilly and elderly people, in fact, often get the most benefit from a cure in the autumn and winter.

Buxton waters, which surge up in warm, blue fountains, were used for the rheumatic poor as far back as the sixteenth century. Why can't our Ministry of Health, supposed to be up to date, learn from this mediæval example?

HARROGATE'S chief claim to fame is that it counteracts the bad effects of a lazy, over-indulgent or sedentary life.

Bath, with Roman and modern methods alike, is for gout and rheumatism and a dozen other kindred complaints—and for re-educating limbs that have to learn to function all over again. Cheltenham for many things, including the man with "a liver"; Trefriw for anaemia, wasting diseases and much else besides.

And Droitwich—where the water comes up from an inexhaustible reservoir 200 feet deep so thick in brine that it is impossible to sink in it—for paralysis, heart troubles, lumbago, sciatica, and many other disorders.

There is no need to exaggerate the advantages of British spas—and this association is not going to do so. There are no arsenical waters in this country, and people needing them must go elsewhere.

But for all the rheumatic disorders, gouty manifestations, artery troubles, dyspepsia and indigestion in different forms, catarrh, the various troubles of middle age, nerve exhaustion and "anxiety states," and those signs of strain and overwork that call for something more than an ordinary holiday, British spas have as much to offer as any resorts in the world.

Patronised even one-quarter as much as they deserve to be, they can become a State asset, both as far as the public purse and the health of the community are concerned. The next few years may see that ambition fulfilled.

*Race with "Silver Ring"*

# LIMELIGHT

COLORADO KID and Limelight were my early selections for the "Cambridge," and, if all goes well, I shall rely upon Limelight to win for the King.

Colorado Kid is doing long-distance work, and I think his objective is the Jockey Club Cup.

Limelight is fully exposed, but he will have 7 lb. less to carry than when winning the Duke of York Handicap, which is the best of the Cambridgeshire "trial" races. He won very cleverly.

Enfield and Effaceable (23 to 1 the double) and Bleu de Roi II. and Marsters (8¾ to 1 the double) came off for the Code last week.

My Newbury selections are: Celadon for the Autumn Handicap; Ballyorgan and The Doge.

## "SILVER RING'S" CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, October 19, to Wednesday, October 25.

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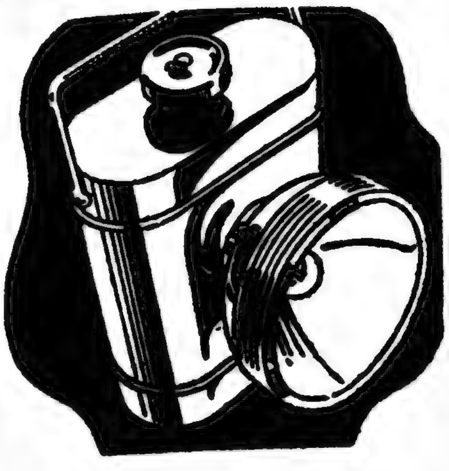

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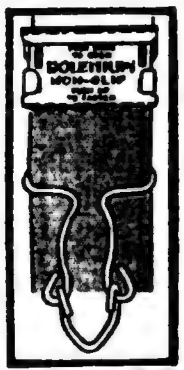

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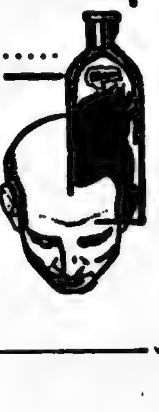

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*from a recent photo of Mr. J. Dyson.*

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# MURDER at Midnapore

THERE is a town in India with a name synonymous with murder.

Midnapore it is called. Killings there come not singly but in series.

It has passed unnoticed through the slow Eastern centuries except when, as in the last three years, assassinations have taken place that have been so savage and senseless as to shock civilised opinion.

Murders of British pioneers brought it into the news as far back as 1760, following the beginning of the British occupation, when assassins came down from the hills at regular intervals.

Then, from the opening of this century until the Great War, this Bengal city of 33,000 inhabitants was never heard of except when dacoits waylaid and murdered Europeans and natives alike for motives of robbery.

Now it is more than living up to its grim reputation.

### The volunteer

In the last three years, three successive holders of the post of District Magistrate have been murdered in cold blood by people who can have had no personal grudge against them—two in 1931 and one in 1932.

And following the news that a gallant young ex-University man named P. J. Griffiths has volunteered to fill the vacant post—more to prove to the terrorists concerned that their tactics are bound to fail in the long run than out of personal ambition—threats are being made to murder him, too.

A terrible reputation, Midnapore's. Yet how little does the sleepy little town or its peaceable, hard-working and frugal-living inhabitants deserve it.

For Midnapore itself has never taken a hand in the killings. It has been merely the stage without supplying the actors.

It has become the centre of the Indian terrorist movement without knowing who are the terrorists in its midst.

Look at Midnapore as it was fifty years ago or as it is to-day—it makes little difference.

It is a flat town of oldish stone or plaster buildings that is as much dominated by its vast prison as many English cities are by their cathedrals.

There is accommodation for 1,400 prisoners in that prison, and rarely a lot of vacant accommodation. Yet the percentage from the town itself is small.

*Murdered—Mr. B. E. Burge, the last District Magistrate of Midnapore*

Whatever narrow, picturesque street bounded by quaint white or once-white buildings you traverse in Midnapore, it always seems to bring you up against the grey stone walls of its prison.

Not that you don't strike scenes that make you forget it.

There is the bazaar, rich in Oriental carpets and drapings and the copper ware that Midnapore itself makes.

Nothing sinister there—or in the warehouse district either, where men stack up the rice that comes in from the rich land to the south, the root foods that come from the neighbouring jungle, and the wax, wood-dye, bark fabrics, resin, firewood and charcoal that come from the forests to the west.

### Nobody knows . .

Pack-bullocks bring these goods in from the forest and jungle villages around. Motor-lorries take them a few miles out of the town to the canal that goes dead straight for sixty miles to a point, near Calcutta, whence the goods can be shipped to any part of the world.

There is the open space in which Midnapore holds its innumerable cattle fairs. There are more than fifty every year in Midnapore and district, and because they are mainly of a religious or semi-religious nature, cattle are rarely sold at them.

No hint of murder there—nor in the eyes of the men who tend the degenerate cattle, the bags of bones that become more and more skinny as the tillage land of the neighbourhood encroaches on the pasturage.

Most of the occupants of the stone cottages, from the walls of which tropical growths spring spontaneously, spurred on by the terrifically hot days and occasional deluges which carpet the ponds with gorgeous aquatic growths, ask no more of life than the right to work as their forefathers before them.

Children ambling to school, missionaries of the Church of England, Roman Catholic and American Baptist Churches going round on their calls, boy-students going to learn printing and other crafts at missionary technical schools, beggars whining, traders bartering, native police controlling the traffic imperiously—that is how life goes on at Midnapore.

Why, then, the murders? The dacoit crimes of yesterday and the terrorist murders of to-day are not unconnected.

Here, in a wide countryside where people classify each other according to their castes, there was one caste, a low one, on which Fate frowned.

The Tuntas they were called—a tunt being the name of a mulberry tree. When the world wanted real silk, and bought it in vast quantities, they enjoyed generations of comparative prosperity in the jungles and forests extracting from the "tunt" food for silkworms.

Then swishing petticoats "went out." The people who could afford silk furnishings became fewer and fewer. Silkworm culture became more a factory job.

Large numbers of the Tuntas—poor hungry, low-caste and low-moralled—turned to robbery. Because of their depredations and murders Bengal became famous for its dacoit menace, and the district of Midnapore was officially listed as "a heavy criminal district."

Then, Midnapore's prison became far too big for a small town so peaceful and tranquil when the dacoit murders died down. And Midnapore was forgotten, until these recent terrorist assassinations earned it worldwide attention again.

And the link between the dacoits and the terrorists?

The Indian terrorists, a small organisation really, and unconnected with the major nationalist movement, centred itself on Calcutta, sixty-eight miles away.

Stern measures were adopted—and the terrorists, mainly firebrand youths, found the city too hot for them.

They had to concentrate to exist as an organisation. And so they moved to Midnapore, a day's journey from Calcutta, spreading themselves over the remoter villages only reached by pack-bullock.

Here, where the prison gates open every morning to release the dregs of a big part of a vast province, they have no difficulty in hiring assassins. Here, where the law has had to be justly severe, they can call that severity brutality in order to get adherents.

Here, in addition, they can turn the smouldering resentment of the Tuntas to their own uses.

### Courage must triumph

A paradise for terrorists, if ever there was one. And they are striving to make it an even more complete paradise by a system of intimidation by murder which they hope will wear down the law.

The order that Hindu youths must remain indoors between sunset and sunrise and must sell or surrender their bicycles will make it harder for the terrorists to spread themselves over the more distant villages and yet meet whenever they want to do so.

The order that no woman must wear male attire and no man wear a dress not conforming to his creed, race or religious belief, will make disguising almost impossible.

Life is going to be hotter in Midnapore for the terrorists.

Yet no rule or regulation can infuriate them more than the news that another brave young man has stepped forward to fill the gap left by their successive murders—especially the news that dozens of men, European and Indians alike, volunteered to do so

Courage must triumph over terrorism in the long run. It will in Midnapore, the murder town.

## SIDE-SLIPS

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Side-Slips." When the same "slip" is sent by more than one reader prize is awarded to first opened.

WINNIPEG FREE PRESS:—"The death of Senator —— created the tenth VICTORY in the upper house."

SUNDAY CHRONICLE:—"Their task is to make sure that fish less than the permitted size ARE sold or offered for sale."

DAILY EXPRESS:—"Mr. Runciman sits for the most WESLEYAN division in Great Britain—St. Ives, in Cornwall."

HUMORIST:—"One of the firemen climbed to the roof of the building, taking an extra length of NOSE with him."

BRISTOL EVENING POST:—"Sparkling fun is the main feature of the REVENUE, Give and Take.'"

BARNSLEY CHRONICLE AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE NEWS:—"She carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations and lilies of the FAMILY."

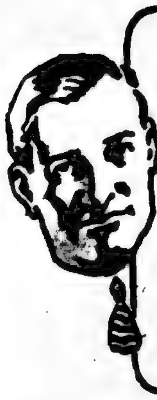
LYTHAM TIMES AND ST. ANNES-ON-SEA GAZETTE:—"Wash the gloves on the hands The SOUP should be rinsed out of sheep-skin hog-skin and suede, but not out of doe-skin."

ILFORD RECORDER:—"The prisoner declared that he had no intention of INVADING the law."

DIAMOND FIELDS ADVERTISER (Kimberley):—"10.10, Sunday School; 11.0, COMMUNISM Service."

PONTEFRACT AND CASTLEFORD EXPRESS:—"He thought it was a CAKE of mistaken identity."

# FIELD'S BOYS SHINE WHEREVER THEY GO!



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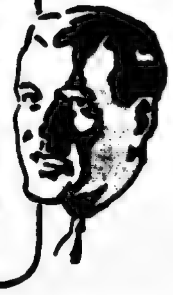

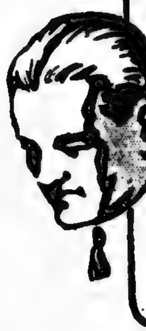

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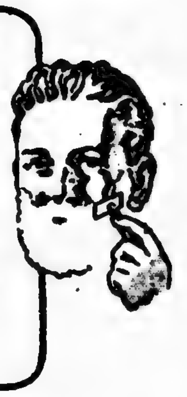

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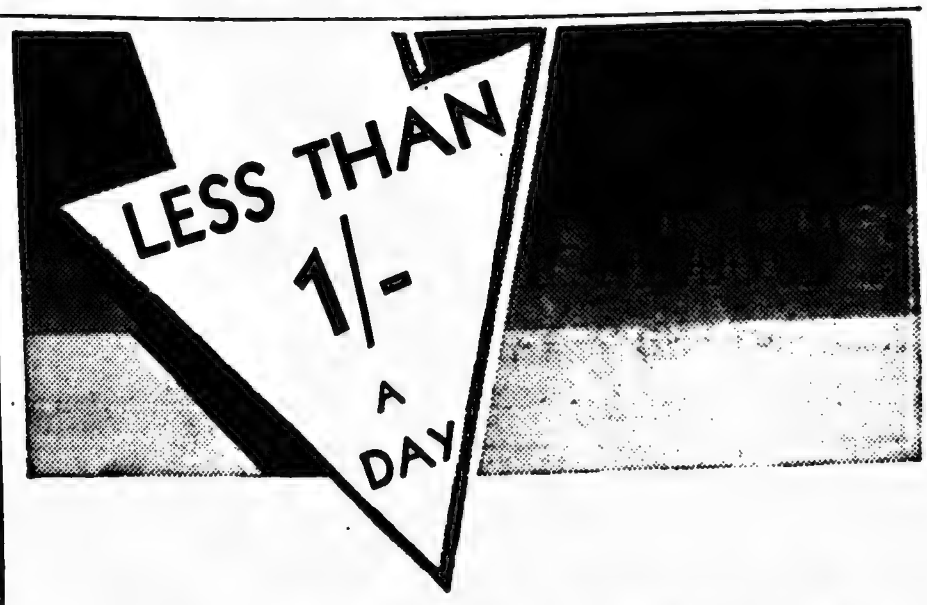

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## Best Lesson I've Learned

*The Bright Young Things —a film study*

THAT the worst apparent ills that can befall us hold some compensation or may even prove real blessings. The law of compensation runs so clearly through life that no one should lose courage. I cannot always see how, but I know that somehow it will work out.

Once, for two whole years, I suffered not only ill-health, but heavy losses which set me aside from normal life. Yet I was left finally stronger, both mentally and physically, than I had ever been before.

Without that two years of enforced rest I should have become a nervous wreck.—*N. B., Suffolk.*

### Not So Mean

I work in a shop with over a hundred girls. We had one girl who seemed very mean. If we collected for a wedding present, illness, or anything, she always declined to give anything. I admit I was one who commented on this.

She fell ill and I was asked to call at her home. Then I learnt my lesson. That girl's father had died two years previously and her money was keeping a family of five.—*E. B., Roath.*

### Time to Think

I have been laid up with a badly sprained ankle for a fortnight. All I can do is rest and think. I think most of what I would be doing if this had not happened. To get up and go to work would be a privilege.

When fit again I mean to appreciate every moment the joy of being physically fit. No more going the rounds with a miserable face for no reason at all.

This injury has taught me a great lesson, which I mean to put into practice as soon as I am on my feet again.—*John Cornish, Fulham.*

### Be Tolerant

The best lesson I've learned with advancing years is undoubtedly tolerance and a respect for the other man's views.

During my youth I was always right, so I thought. Life taught me that I was wrong nine times out of ten. I often wonder now how people put up with me and my stupid opinions.

Supreme intelligence is not invested in any one class or any one political Party. It took me years to find out that.—*—Mature, Hants.*

### C.O. Helps

A newly promoted corporal, I felt proud indeed when directing a small squad of men to raise a heavy piece of timber. A passer-by asked me why I did not help.

"I am a corporal," I snapped abruptly. "I beg your pardon," he replied.

Just then we were both compelled to help the men to overcome the danger of the log falling. For five minutes we sweated together.

When finished, the stranger said: "Corporal, when you have not sufficient men, send for your commanding officer, and I will help you again!"

The lesson was obvious.—*J. B., Glasgow.*

### Eyes Opened

The widow of an Army officer, I was left in straitened circumstances and was forced to take up residence in a working-class locality.

False pride forbade intercourse with my neighbours, whom I either studiously avoided or treated with disdain.

Yet when a sudden illness struck me down, my despised neighbours were the first to come in and help.

This experience taught me several lessons, chief of which is that many good hearts beat beneath old-fashioned blouses. *—"Snob," London, S.W.*

### Life's Best Things

I admit that when I entered hospital I was a conceited ass. Only of myself had I previously thought.

When I left some months later I had learned my lesson. Now I know the meaning of humour, self-sacrifice, infectious smiles, the policy of "give-and-take," helping others who cannot help themselves, and all the little actions which bring brightness into life.

I thank God for that stay in hospital, for it taught me to forget self.—*Kit, Stoke-on-Trent.*

### Maimed Teachers

The best lesson I've learned was taught to me by a sight only too common on any busy thoroughfare.

Here a blind beggar, there a legless one, a little further on a maimed pavement artist—all unfit for work and in desperate poverty, and all bearing the same poignant notice, "Ex-Service Man."

Every one of them has suffered for his country and still suffers, to teach the young of every land that there must be no more war.—*M. S., Leeds.*

### Pulled Up

I got mixed up with a set of "Bright Young Things," who professed to imagine that "copy-book virtues" were out of date. Discipline, honesty, truth, consideration for others were taboo.

Within a few months, two members of the clique had "gone to the dogs" in more senses than one; another lost her sweetheart—a decent fellow in a good position who was "fed up" with her carryings-on—two others lost their jobs, and I was threatened with the "sack."

Then I pulled myself together, having learnt that some old-fashioned things are never worn out.—*M. W., Southall.*

### Too Late!

At the University I distinguished myself at sport at the cost of neglecting my studies. My father's warnings were outweighed by the praises of my fellow-students.

Then came the awakening. Father failing in business, I was obliged to leave college with no plans for the future, as I had never given a thought as to how I was to earn my living.

I have been unemployed for the past three years. Now, when it is too late, I see my folly in not taking my father's advice.—*S. A., Belfast.*

### Courtesy Pays

Schoolmaster was a martinet; woe betide the boy who did not touch his cap even out of school hours.

One day I deliberately ignored him, and he asked, "Didn't you see me?"

"Yes, but I'm not saluting any more," I replied, "and you can't make me. I left school yesterday, you know."

"Well," he said, "you owe a lot to your school, and—I always return the salute of my boys, don't I?"

Humbly I apologised. As he wished me good luck, he added, "Remember, sonny, courtesy always pays in the long run."—*F. C., Notts.*

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Smiling at life's blows and making the best of a bad job is what I've learned in the great school of experience.—*Doris Richards, Cheshire.*

It is better to be an honest striver after happier things than one who has learned to tolerate injustice and is too apathetic to try and help to alter it.—*W. C. B., Preston.*

Never to indulge in long-winded arguments with anyone. They often end in loss of temper and your thinking the other person a fool.—*Francis Higgins, Notts.*

To hear the whole truth at first hand before judging a person, instead of relying upon hearsay. The twisted accounts of an incident, related to me by tale-bearers, once almost made me lose faith in my husband.—*A. O., York.*

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### By our Expert—for Matches played on October 21

**FIRST DIVISION.**

(1) DERBY v. Huddersfield.
(2) W.B. ALBION v. Stoke.
(3) EVERTON v. Hotspur.
(4) LEEDS v. Portsmouth.
(5) Manchester C. v. Villa.
(6) Middlesbrough v. Liverpool.
(7) Newcastle v. Sunderland.
(8) WEDNESDAY v. Sheffield U.
**(9) ARSENAL v. Leicester.
(10) BIRMINGHAM v. Wolves.
*(11) BLACKBURN v. Chelsea.

**SECOND DIVISION.**

(1) LINCOLN C. v. Plymouth.
(2) SWANSEA v. Forest.
(3) BLACKPOOL v. Oldham.
(4) MILLWALL v. West Ham.
(5) Bradford C. v. PRESTON.
(6) Bury v. MANCHESTER U.
(7) FULHAM v. Brentford.
(8) Hull v. Bolton.
(9) Notts County v. Grimsby.
*(10) PORT VALE v. Bradford.
*(11) SOUTHAMPTON v. Burnley.

**SOUTHERN SECTION.**

*(1) NORWICH v. Gillingham.
(2) TORQUAY v. Boscombe.
**(3) LUTON v. Watford.
(4) ALDERSHOT v. Reading.
(5) BRIGHTON v. Coventry.
(6) Bristol C. v. PALACE.
(7) Orient v. Bristol Rovers.
(8) Newport v. Exeter.
(9) Northampton v. CHARLTON.
(10) Q. P. RANGERS v. Cardiff.
(11) SWINDON v. Southend.

**NORTHERN SECTION.**

(1) DONCASTER v. Wrexham
(2) Rotherham v. Tranmere.
(3) YORK CITY v. Mansfield.
(4) BARROW v. Southport.
(5) Chester v. HARTLEPOOLS.
**(6) CARLISLE v Darlington.
(7) Crewe v. CHESTERFIELD.
(8) HALIFAX v. Accrington.
*(9) N. BRIGHTON v. Rochdale.
(10) STOCKPORT v. Gateshead.
(11) Walsall v. BARNSLEY.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**

(1) HIBERNIANS v. St. Mirren.
**(2) MOTHERWELL v. Celtic.
(3) THIRD LANARK v. Airdrie.
**(4) AYR UNITED v. Partick.
*(5) ABERDEEN v. Queen of South.
(6) CLYDE v. Hamilton.
**(7) DUNDEE v. Cowdenbeath.
(8) RANGERS v. Hearts.
(9) St. Johnstone v. Kilmarnock.
(10) FALKIRK v. Queen's Park.

Probable winners are set in capitals. Where no distinction is made a draw is likely. Best selections are marked with two asterisks, and next best with one.

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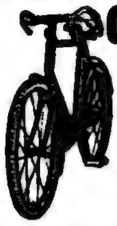

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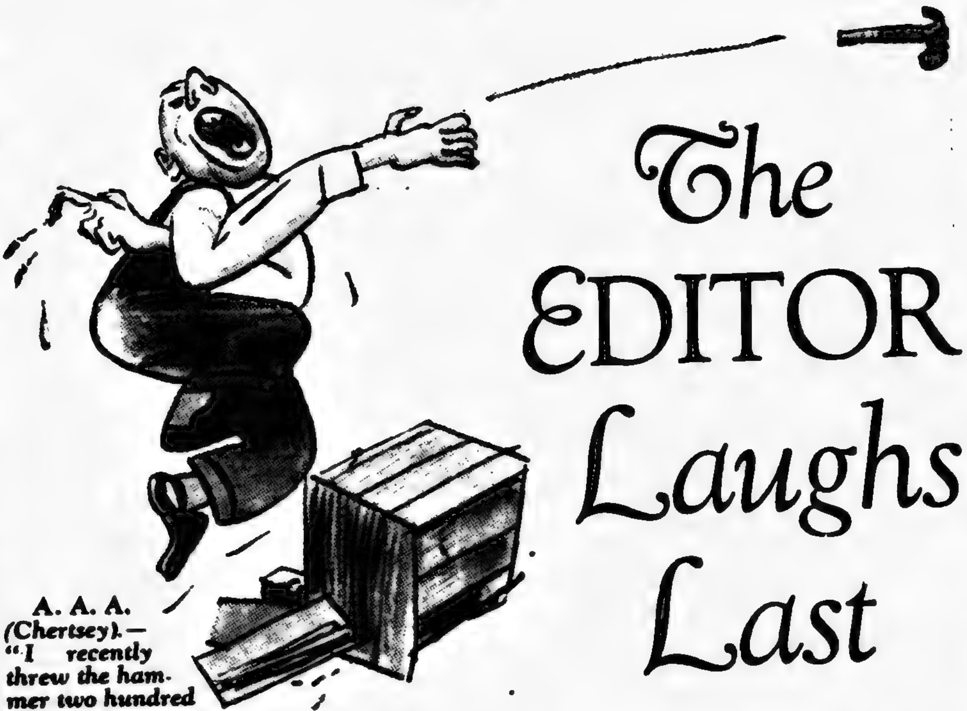

*A. A. A. (Chertsey).—"I recently threw the hammer two hundred yards." Get someone else to hold the nail next time.*

O. O. (Leek).—"Wireless is still in its infancy." Yes, our set howls sometimes.

A. K. (Longton).—"What is tact?" Getting back the ring without asking for it.

W. K. (Lincoln).—"What does the average business man read to-day?" His pass-book.

S. B. (Stoke).—"I often find myself speaking to total strangers." Our 'phone is like that, too.

ALICE (Kensington).—"Do modern servants know their places?" Yes, if they have good memories.

F. O. R. (Aston).—"Why are so many girl caddies employed on French golf links?" To carry the clubs.

G. H. (Sheffield).—"How much sleep does the average man really need?" Usually about half an hour more.

G. T. (Tewkesbury).—"What shall I do when I come to London as I find I can't run to a hotel?" Take a taxi.

G. H. (Islington).—"We spend much more on sport and public entertainments than on books." We can borrow books.

G. N. (Bristol).—"Popularity depends on how a man treats his friends." Or how often.

TOM (Duffield).—"Can carrots cure colds?" They might, washed down with some hot whisky.

L. J. (Northampton).—"Looks are determined by diet." What a lot of people must eat plain food!

W. B. (Hammersmith).—"No business can be run on hopes." What about beauty parlours?

B. C. (Torquay).—"What makes men marry certain types of women?" Certain types of women.

BERT (Camberwell).—"Only one woman ever succeeded in taking me in." And now she won't let you out?

STATIST (Bromley).—"There are many more car accidents than train accidents." But, then, you never see the engine-driver's arm round the fireman's waist.

A. E. (Farnham).—"I tried to start a business in ice." But it went into liquidation?

HUSBAND (Blackpool).—"My wife has only one aim in life." We hope she doesn't hit you too often.

G. T. (Welwyn).—"I don't like the way some film stars murder English." How do you think they ought to murder it?

SPORT (Southwark).—"Boxers are getting effeminate." Good! We may see some real old-fashioned fighting now.

A. T. (Chelsea).—"Should I demand payment according to the real worth of my pictures?" No; you must live.

R. L. (Windsor).—"An American scientist is said to have an extraordinary power over insects." When he attends a picnic, docile wasps sit up and beg prettily for strawberry jam.

NATURALIST (Chorley Wood).—"Eels travel overland for immense distances." A man who saw a party of these law-abiding creatures halted in front of a red traffic light, walked dazedly home and signed the pledge.

C. O. W. (Stretford).—"Although I have travelled thousands of miles with my boy friend in his car we have never yet had a breakdown in lonely spots, as so frequently happens with other young couples." How unenterprising of him.

F. E. (Preston).—"What is a good birthday present for a woman of thirty-five?" A cake with twenty-three candles on it.

T. G. (Stevenage).—"I know a farmer who is an optimist and is happy and contented." The blackleg!

R. E (Whitchurch).—"Two heads are always better than one in my opinion." But not when you've got a headache.

M. R. (Barrow).—"I have the finest car in England, take it from me." We shall be pleased to accept your kind offer.

K. W. (Bootle).—"I often go swimming in the river after a heavy meal." Ever find one?

COOK (Coventry).—"Orange juice gives a distinctive flavour to all sorts of things." The gallery of a theatre among them.

M. M. (Brent).—"All Chicago gangsters aren't tough guys." Quite a lot of them are married.

EMMA (Bootle).—"I shall never have peace until I get letters after my name." R.I.P.

PRODUCER (West End).—"The modern playwright's life is full of risks." The modern novelist's is full of asterisks.

DOCTOR (Croydon).—"The juice of bananas is a good pick-me-up." The skins, of course, have an opposite effect.

B. J. (London, W.).—"The first is one of the dangerous years of marriage." Yes, it's the first.

D. S. (Worcester).—"When you hear one woman praise another it's a miracle." Or an epitaph.

TRAVELLER (Sevenoaks).—"I found Hollywood perfectly respectable." You'll do the place a lot of harm by giving it a good name like that.

M. D. (Cardiff).—"Do you know that singing can be very beneficial to the health?" We have heard of the tonic sol-fa.

A. T. R. (Leeds).—"After writing four pages, I find I am just warming up to my subject." Warm up sooner next time, and boil it down a bit.

A. N. (Ipswich).—"The local editor went crazy over my poems." If you don't stop sending them to us we are afraid we shall follow suit.

SCIENTIST (Bartlow).—"I am studying sponges." Sea or human?

C. B. (Lynn).—"My face is my fortune." You've spent your last penny on it?

TRAMP (York).—"I asked for a square meal." So she gave you a dog biscuit.

M. O. (Brighton).—"My girl has thrown me over and I am feeling very sore." Were you on the cliffs at the time?

FISHERMAN (Godalming).—"Anglers are as truthful as any other people." Especially when they call other anglers liars?

M. N. (Derby).—"My husband looks on me as a perfect treasure." See letter below.

D. N. (Derby).—"My wife seems to regard me as a perfect treasury." See letter above.

JOURNALIST (Dulwich).—"My wife reads all my printed articles and raises a question every time." "How much will you be paid for this?"

C. U. (Cork).—"No woman can dress on a five-pound note." We have seen one or two who could manage it on very little more.

ROBERT K. (Thames Ditton).—"My lecture certainly moved the audience." Never mind, perhaps they will stop till the finish next time.

D. N. (Frome).—"A friend of mine took his canary with him on a motor tour." We suppose the bird perched on the dicky seat.

HAROLD D. (Nottingham).—"I have now been living for a week in a small one-roomed dwelling." Haven't you got that number yet?

R. L. (Birmingham).—"I don't follow the crowd." You must find walking in the opposite direction difficult on Saturday afternoons.

A. S (Hyde).—"I should like to act for the films. What do you think of my face—enclosed?" It ought to be all right—enclosed.

K. B. C. (Hook).—"To reach your goal you must put your shoulders to the wheel." Another way is not to buy that sort of car.

B. T. (Silvertown).—"My wife threw a chopper at me and in case she does it again I want to know what steps to take." Quick ones.

P. I. P. (Boxhill).—"I am very fond of walking at night and can go miles and miles without feeling the least fatigue." You wait until you have a baby that's teething.

MOTHER (Leeds).—"With half a dozen children, mostly boys, it is heartrending work nowadays having to face such extravagant rents." We should think they do take up a lot of time mending.

A. J. K. (Dovercourt).—"Can anybody really foretell the future?" Yes, we can. If you enter a worthy *Bullet* this week, one of those 1,000 Christmas Prizes on page 47 will arrive for you just before December 25.

B. D. (Wells).—"There is such a thing as the liberty of the pedestrian." That will be a great consolation to a man as he crawls out from beneath the car and starts looking for his hat

P. T. W. (Edmonton).—"If you want to become broadminded you should travel abroad." And if you want to become flat bodied you should travel during the rush hour

MISS T. (Isleworth).—"Venus, famous for her figure, actually indulged in physical exercises." From statues we have seen of her, she couldn't have touched her toes.

*(Many replies unavoidably held over)*

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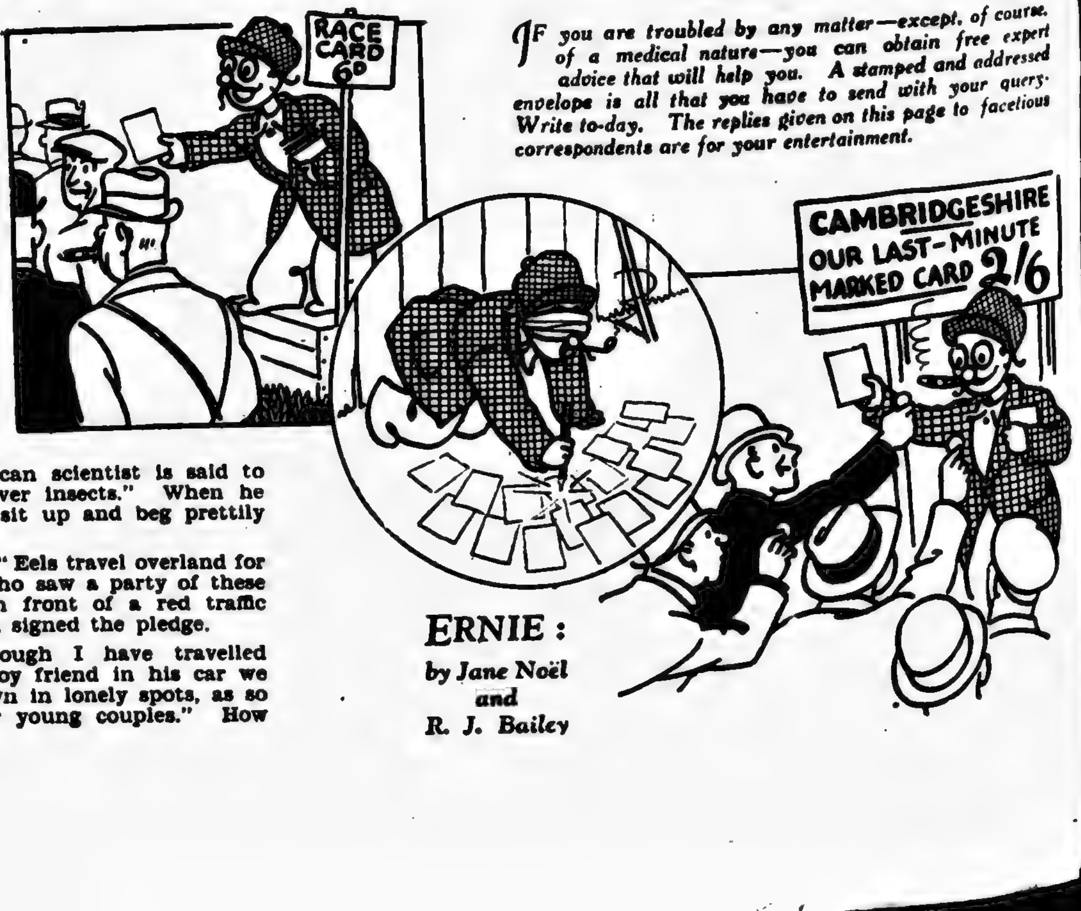
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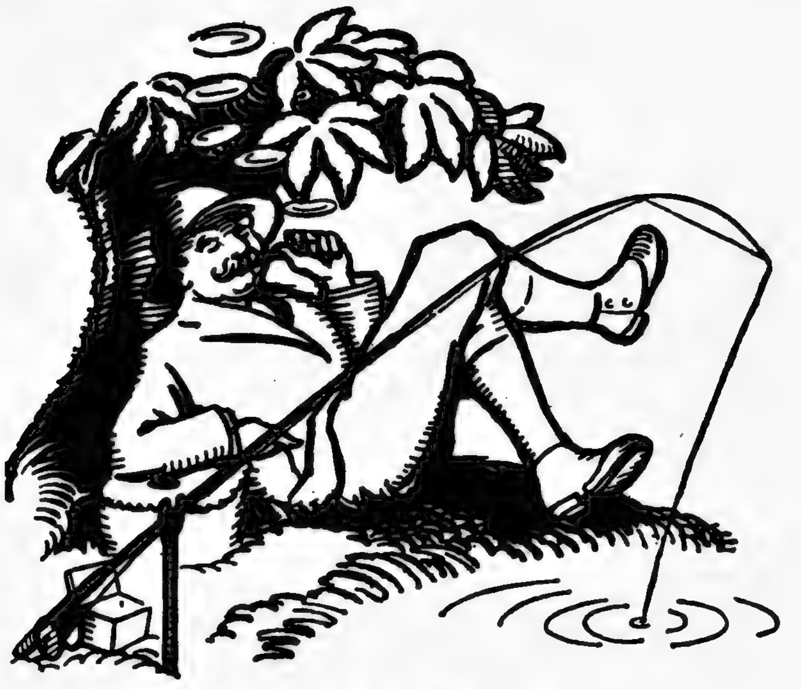

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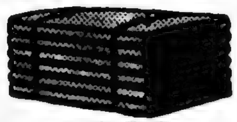

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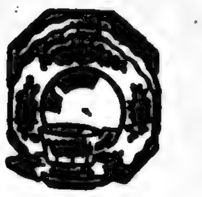

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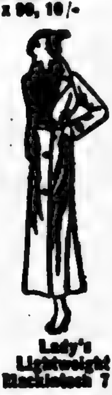

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Whether or not you have yet experienced the joy of diving into a "John Bull" Christmas Hamper, let these added awards make you tackle this week's interesting puzzle with extra care. Is not a Merry Christmas one of the finest prizes we ever offer?

Your entry must be in by noon on Thursday, October 26, if you want our First Prize telegram on Thursday, November 2.

"John Bull" will pay a Life Pension of £2 a week, £350 Cash and a cheque for £50 this Christmas (or a lump sum of £850) for a correct solution on one square of the puzzle below. Failing a correct solution the prize will be awarded to the reader whose entry is the nearest correct solution. An additional £100 will be divided between those competitors who enter squares containing one error only, or only one error more than the winning solution. An extra Bonus of £100 will be divided between Runners-up from whom we have received two sixpenny coupons in same envelope. A Giant Hamper will be added to every winner's prize. Solution of puzzle will be published in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, November 2, and winner in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, November 9.

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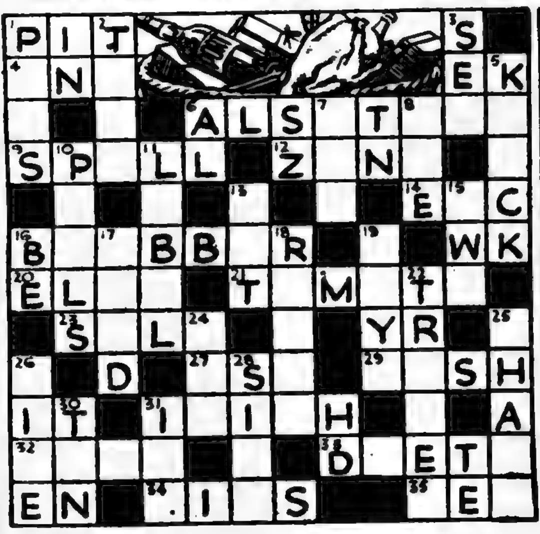

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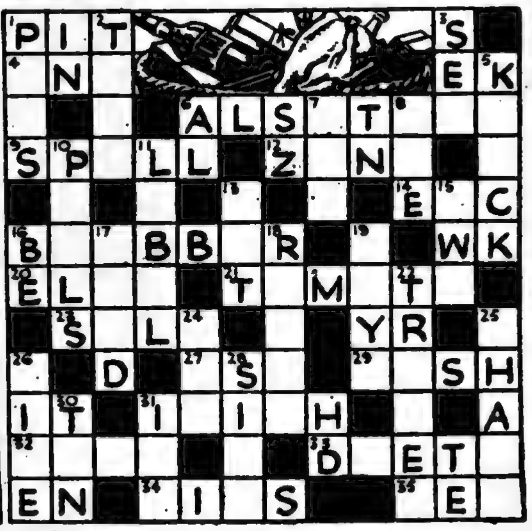

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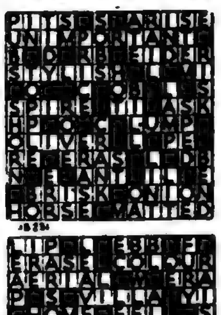

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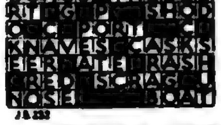

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Winners in Crossword No. 231 appear on page 43. Winners in Crossword No. 232 will be published next week.

The solutions of "John Bull" Crosswords Nos. 231 and 232 are given herewith as a matter of interest to our Crossword Competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required as all entries are carefully examined by our staff.

## STUDY THESE CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Miners work in this
4. Some indefinite number
6. Handsome dog
9. Read out letters of a word
12. Tin-like metal
14. Contraction of et cetera
16. Whale provides it
20. Otherwise
21. Seen in salad
23. One's own person
27. Inquire
29. Band worn round the waist
31. Belonging to Ireland
32. Is often at end of tether
33. A number of people compose these
34. Untruths
35. Clear air helps you to do so

### DOWN

1. Conjurer sometimes uses in a trick
2. Wears out more quickly when it's made of rubber
3. Britain is surrounded by
5. Plumber couldn't shape lead without this
7. What an unemployed man needs
8. There's plenty of it at the poles
10. Disorder may be caused by these
11. Its description is sometimes correct
13 Rashness may make a punter this
15. A pair
17. Put to some purpose
18. Beware of these when your ship comes in
19. Shorter ones curtail your journeys
22. What pioneers often leave behind them
24. Distant
25. This may be exciting, but it soon passes
26. Scripture instructs man to cherish
28. Painter sometimes puts this on
30. Common amount of coal order
31. Not in good health

## READ THESE RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1.—Complete Puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole entry form, whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry fee for two squares is SIXPENCE—for Four Squares send ONE SHILLING. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it / & Co./; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O., and fill in the number upon Entry Form; send Entry Form by post, as directed, to reach us not later than NOON, Thursday, October 26, 1933.

2.—In addition to the two sixpenny entry forms on this page, each entrant may submit TWO EXTRA SIXPENNY ENTRY FORMS, provided these are taken from "John Bull's" free weekly "Crossword Gazette." No entrant may submit more than TWO ENTRY FORMS from this page, plus TWO from "Crossword Gazette." Squares left incomplete, mutilated, indistinct or altered will be disqualified. No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner of this contest will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, November 9, 1933. Should any competitor not announced as a winner have entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post Tuesday, November 21, 1933, in accordance with directions given with result. Any such scrutiny, which may amend the result, must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the additional award of £100 to be divided between the Runners-up. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which wrongly answer the clues given.

4.—In the event of a tie, a prize will be divided, but no competitor may receive more than one share of it. Should First Prize be shared, £850 cash will be paid instead of the three-in-one award.

5.—Readers in Scotland are debarred from and cannot enter this competition. Any entry form bearing an address in Scotland will be disqualified.

6.—Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

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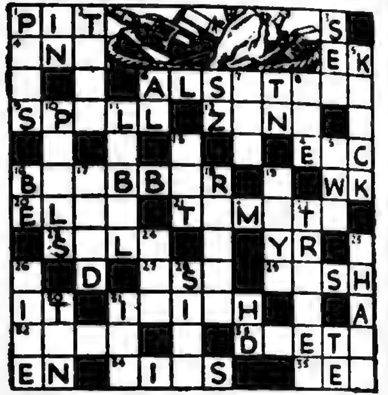

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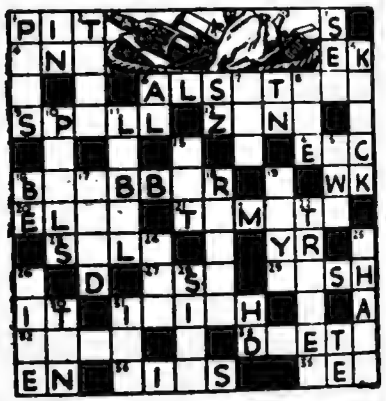

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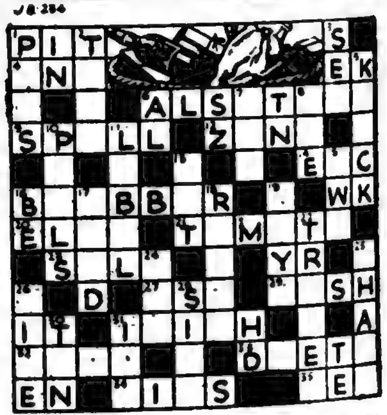

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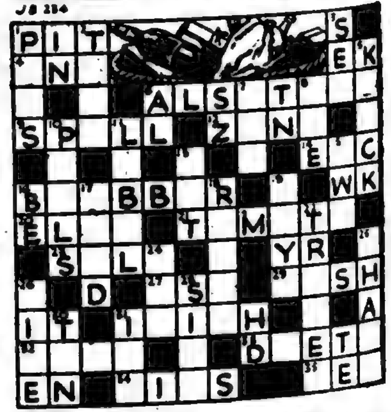

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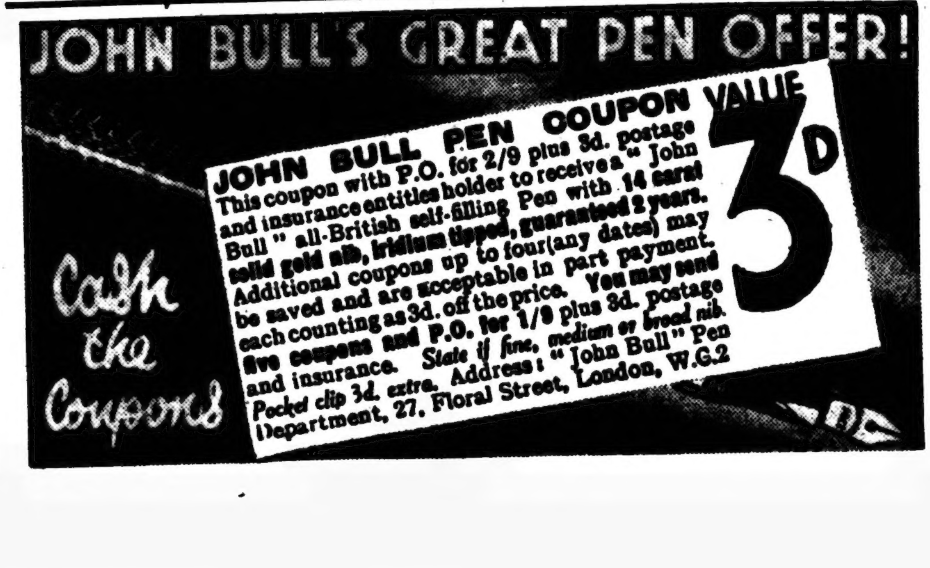
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JOHN BULL PEN COUPON

This coupon with P.O. for 2/9 plus 3d. postage and insurance entitles holder to receive a "John Bull" all-British self-filling Pen with 14 carat solid gold nib, iridium tipped, guaranteed 2 years. Additional coupons up to four (any dates) may be saved and are acceptable in part payment, each counting as 3d. off the price. You may send five coupons and P.O. for 1/9 plus 3d. postage and insurance. *State if fine, medium or broad nib. Pocket clip 3d. extra.* Address: "John Bull" Pen Department, 27, Floral Street, London, W.C.2

INDIGESTION is NEVER confined to the Stomach

***Indigestion never stops at the Stomach. Therefore, to relieve ALL your symptoms and make a good recovery you need 'BiSoDoL' which helps digestion "ALL THE WAY."***

'BiSoDoL' is a logical and scientific remedy which far surpasses other remedies in the scope of its action and the completeness of its effect. While ordinary stomach powders or bicarbonate of soda act in the stomach, 'BiSoDoL' puts the entire digestive system right.

On taking 'BiSoDoL' the first act of this remedy is to sweeten the sour fermenting contents of the stomach and give immediate relief from pain, fullness and flatulence.

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'BiSoDoL' actively assists the digestion of meats, fats, starches, and all foods. It supports the feeble digestion "ALL THE WAY" until digestive power is fully recovered.

Try 'BiSoDoL' and you will realise what a great stride has been made in the conquest of indigestion by this discovery.

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*Pronounce it By-So-DoL*

Protect your throat & chest with FOX'S GLACIER MINTS REGD
FOX'S GLACIER MINTS

A Fox's Glacier Mint in the mouth helps to ward off influenza germs, creates warmth and protects the delicate membranes of the throat. These delicious peppermints also sustain & energise, keeping you fit to withstand the cold and treacherous weather.

Get some to-day!
Obtainable from all Confectioners 6d. per qtr. lb. Wrapped and Unwrapped.

## CHRONIC BACKACHE

### Vigour and Vitality Sapped by Constant Pain

## WEAK KIDNEYS ARE THE CAUSE

There is an epidemic of premature "oldness."

Men and women who should be in the prime of life, vigourous and vitally fit, find their capacity for work and pleasure destroyed by constant, down-dragging pain.

Awful backache, sharp agonising pains shooting through the body, stiff, swollen joints, blood impurities, headaches, bad nights or bladder troubles then follow.

The kidneys lie at the root of your trouble, for if they are not filtering and purifying the blood as it passes through the system, they are allowing impurities and poisons, such as uric acid, to accumulate.

Nerves become inflamed, muscles ache with pain. Neglect your warning and you are heading for breakdown.

## RELIEF IN 24 HOURS

Why should you suffer when hosts of men and women have passed from the torture of Chronic Backache, Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble, etc., to splendid health and vitality simply by taking a short course with the 45-year-old remedy—De Witts Kidney and Bladder Pills?

De Witts Pills cost but 3/- a box and any chemist can tell you how good is the prescription from which they are made. In 24 hours from your first taking De Witts Pills you will see that they are acting on the kidneys. Many one-time sufferers say just one box has ended years of agonising torture. Surely you do not willingly stay crippled with pain. Get a supply of De Witts Pills now, you will bless the day you did so.

**DE WITTS BRAND KIDNEY AND BLADDER PILLS**

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# FOUR WORDS *won her* FREEDOM!

*Smiling at life with a £500 cheque*

"TAKE a letter, Miss Greene . . . 'Dear Sirs,—We are obliged for your favour of the 24th instant regarding the goods . . .'"

There is a Miss Greene taking letters like that in every office. In some offices there are hundreds of her. And though the average Miss Greene does her work conscientiously and well, she looks beyond the letters she is typing and dreams of what she would do if—if—if—

"What couldn't I do if I had enough capital for a little business of my own?" That was the thought that had long been in the mind of the Miss Greene who lives at 51, St. Margaret's Road, Twickenham, and works in a local tyre distributor's office.

"How wonderful to be independent," she told herself. And she actually got as far as making inquiries about a site for a small delicatessen shop. But even the smallest business needs capital, she found. And a shorthand-typist's salary is not one which allows for much saving.

So Miss Greene just went on dreaming—and entering for *Bullets*. And now *Bullets* has suddenly stepped in and solved that problem of capital with a First Prize for £500 and a Radio Gramophone in Competition No. 909.

It was for "Mr." D. M. Greene that the JOHN BULL man inquired when he called to congratulate the winner, the successful coupon having given no clue to the sender's sex. But there is nothing masculine whatever about the quick-thinking, vivacious girl who was responsible for the neat and thoughtful *Bullet*, SONNY'S CAREER—DECISION'S "NO SMALL JOB."

No, he learned, she was not a regular entrant. No, she was not a reader of JOHN BULL's free weekly *Bullets Bulletin*. No, she had not entered more than a single coupon for this contest in which she had secured her huge success. No, she had never won a cash prize before in her life.

Thus, with four swift blows, she sent flying four totally wrong impressions which exist in the minds of some of our readers regarding success in *Bullets*.

"My stepfather, Mr. Freeman, takes JOHN BULL," she went on to explain, "and a girl friend and I sometimes work on *Bullets* in the evenings. We generally choose what seems to us an easy *Example*, and it takes us several hours to make *one* up!"

*Win me with a coupon from page 47!*

The moral of Miss Greene's success is this. Even if you have yet to win a cash prize or the entry you make this week is the first you have ever attempted, there is no reason why you should not capture one of our first 1,000 fine Christmas prizes—or that cheque for £300!

## BIG WINNERS—COMPETITION NO. 910

### FIRST PRIZE OF £750 AND 27 GUINEA RADIO GRAMOPHONE

**Mrs. J. THOMPSON, Dalton Parva, Rotherham.**

Example:—WEARY WOMAN
Bullet:—"TENDS TO WEARY" MAN.

### £50 AND RADIO GRAMOPHONE

**Mrs. SUMNER, 62, Twiss Green Lane, Warrington.**
Example:—Just Like A Child
Bullet:—"Boo-hoo! Your Gun's Bigger!"

### £25 AND RADIO GRAMOPHONE

**Mrs. M. SANDERS, "Loughrigg," South Molton, Devon.**
Example:—Friends and Relations
Bullet:—"Dictators" I Could Assassinate.

### £15 AND RADIO GRAMOPHONE

**Mr. W. V. BURKE, "Red Gorton," Helen's Bay, Belfast.**
Example:—She Forgets
Bullet:—"Shelf," By Shelving "Self."
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

### £10 AND RADIO GRAMOPHONE

**Mr. C. NICHOLLS, 4, Calverhall, Whitchurch, Salop.**
Example:—Thrill Of The Chase
Bullet:—Accompanying Dad's "John Peel."

### £5 AND RADIO GRAMOPHONE

**Mr. G. ARNOLD, 12, Alma Place, Turner Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.**
Example:—Idle Hands
Bullet:—He Curses—She Caresses.

### 15 PRIZES OF £3 EACH

Mrs. BLAKESTON, 15, Beverley Road, Driffield, Yorks.
Weary Woman—"Snaps," Though "True Steel."
C. R. BOREHAM, 305, Kingston Road, Merton Park, S.W.
To Rescue The World—Sto[illegible] Stores.
(Entered on "Target" P[illegible] Coupon.)
G. BRACKEN, 21, Rowland S[illegible]
Golden Future—I'm Ageing [illegible]
Mrs. E. H. BROWN, "Crown," Stanford, Biggleswade, Beds.
Better Pay—Best "Metal," Prosperity's "Highway."
Mrs. A. CHIVERS, 3, Western Villas, Crediton.
Beginning—To Despair, Britain's Pessimists!
R. DAWSON, 13, Byron Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.
Strong Man—Hubby—Tearing Sale Catalogue.
J. DUNCAN, 95 Glenthorn Road, West Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Golden Future—Incredible? Believe In Yourself!
A. GALL, 56, Benskin Road, Watford.
Breath Of Fresh Air—"Stifled" Thoughts Of Gas-oven.
Miss HIGH, 324, St. George's Road, Hull.
Strong Man—"Tearing" Through Political "Pack."
A. T. MEACHEM, 21, Harwood Street, New-bradwell, Bletchley, Bucks.
"Next. Please!"—Barber Said, *Starting* Grandad
S. F. RICHES, 70, Kenwood Gardens, Ilford.
Spells Disaster—In Germany, Rheumatic Shoulder
L. SIDNEY, 998, Burnage Lane, Parrs Wood, Manchester.
Weary Woman—"Brooding"—"Nest" Seems "Coop."
(Entered on "Season Ticket" Coupon.)
A. F. SMITH, 684a, Coventry Road, Birmingham.
Policeman's Job—"Snip"? Have a "Cut"!
T. A. TAG, 86, Roundwood Avenue, Eccleshill, Bradford.
Policeman's Job—Light, Considering Dark Times.
F. E. WOODALL, "Claremont," 7, Woden Road, Wolverhampton.
Better Pay—"Ladder" World *Unluckily* Avoiding.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

**A list of 25 £1 and 500 2s. 6d. prize-winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."**

**ALL WINNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.**

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## WHEN IS AN ADVT. NOT AN AD.?

If you will look at the bottom of this article you will see that it ends up like this—"(advt.)"

That's really rather a compliment. It means that the article is so interesting, so newsy, so little like some people's idea of an advertisement, that it has to be labelled.

But this raises the question: When is an advt. not an advt.?

Answer: When it's news!

A teacher, examining a class regarding great men of England, asked:

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me who Milton was?"

Small Boy: "Please, sir, he was the man who invented false teeth!"

Well, here is something that is still news to a great many people—Milton has 153 other uses besides its famous use for cleaning false teeth!

You will find all these 154 uses listed and indexed in the book wrapped round each bottle of Milton.

*Don't throw that booklet away!* Hang it up in the kitchen or the bathroom. Refer to it whenever an emergency arises.

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| Somebody scalded? | See No. 23. |
| Got Influenza? | See No. 35. |
| Cold in the head? | See No. 25. |
| Tired feet? | See No. 30. |

Two excellent rules are: Before anything happens — "Safety First!" After anything happens — "Milton first!"

You will save a lot of time and trouble and money, you will save a lot of pain, and you will possibly save a very serious result to a trivial accident, if you always keep the Milton Booklet (and a bottle) handy.

If you know of a better reason for spending sixpence than on a bottle of Milton—please let us know!

(Advt.)

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## IS YOUR INDIGESTION DUE TO ACID STOMACH?

**Amazing Success of New Treatment**

Those pains after eating, the wind, the discomfort, the sleepless nights you have—are they due to acid stomach? Any doctor will tell you there's nothing better, nothing which can bring you such immediate relief as the formula now being used in the Clinics of London's leading Hospitals and known as the Maclean Formula.

All over the country doctors have been using it themselves with remarkable success, even for gastric and duodenal ulcers. But now you can get it ready packed from any chemist. Now you can end those pains which have brought you misery. But to be sure of the perfect product, make sure you see the exact name, Maclean Brand Stomach Powder.

Don't suffer any longer. Try this without delay. But be sure to ask your chemist for the genuine Maclean Brand Stomach Powder under that exact name, with the signature "ALEX C. MACLEAN." It is not sold loose, but only in 1/3, 2/- and 5/- bottles, in cartons, of Powder or Tablets.

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## ASTHMA

### CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

RAZ-MAH will give relief from the terrible slow strangulation of Asthma. Will stop the nasty, dry, irritating, "off-and-on" cough of Chronic Bronchitis. Clean Capsules. No harmful drugs or bad reactions. **Guaranteed relief or money refunded on two 3s. boxes or one 5s. box.** Stocked by Boots, Timothy Whites, and all Chemists and Stores.

**FREE TRIAL** From Gilmour Templeton Co. Ltd., (Dept. C.21), 80, Clerkenwell Road London, E.C.1.

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## PILES CURED WITHOUT OPERATION

**Instant relief after first application**

**THE WONDER CURE HEALALENE OINTMENT**

in boxes 2/- and 3/6 sent post paid in plain wrappers.
*Trial Sample 6d. post paid.*
Send Crossed P.O. to HEALALENE PRODUCTS CO. 18, New Oxford St. (No. 1 Laboratory), London, W.C.1

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**WHY BE A VICTIM OF BROKEN HEALTH?**—*Turn to p. 18*

# XMAS PRIZES *open ...*

*"Bullets" Enormous Yuletide Campaign*

**200** PLUMP XMAS TURKEYS

**800** XMAS SURPRISE PARCELS VALUE 10/6 EACH

**£300** FIRST PRIZE

OTHER PRIZES ....
£50 10 of £5 · 10 of £2·10 2,000 'RED SEAL' TARGETS 8,000 'TARGETS' PRIZES £25

ONE WEEK ONLY

# *Be One of Our First 1,000 Xmas Prize-winners!*

NEXT Christmas is going to be the finest for "Bulleteers" ever known. And the first 1,000 competitors to benefit by JOHN BULL's unparalleled distribution of Christmas Prizes are to be decided in the Contest now awaiting your entry.

Half an hour with this page this evening and a £300 First Prize telegram may bring you a tremendous thrill on Friday, November 10. It may put a £50 or a £25 surprise into your letter-box on November 11. Or you may learn a few days later that you are amongst the 1,000 competitors who have won a plump Christmas Turkey or a Surprise Parcel value 10s. 6d. for delivery just before December 25.

Count up for yourself the 11,023 opportunities of success which are yours in this great opening offer of *Bullets* Christmas Campaign. Then resolve to enter some good *Bullets* on the coupons on this page, making sure that they are in by Saturday, October 28.

## HOW TO MAKE A "BULLET"

TO make a *Bullet* all you have to do is to add any TWO, THREE or FOUR words of apt and original comment to any of the *Examples* given. Remember that your comment must have a close bearing on the chosen *Example*, and that unusual phrasing helps enormously to lift your effort from the ranks of the commonplace.

For instance, suppose you chose the *Example* MISS PROSPERITY. To add the words *Everyone's Looking For Her* would make just an obvious comment. But a few moments spent in polishing the phrasing would enable you to produce the typical *Bullet*, MISS PROSPERITY—STAR WORLD'S "PRODUCERS" SEEKING.

If you can appreciate the point and neat phrasing of a successful *Bullet*, you are well on the way to winning yourself. So before you start on your own efforts, study carefully the winners printed on the opposite page.

Then, having seen what the judges are looking for, get busy with some *Bullets* to enter for this week's 1,000 Christmas Prizes.

### USE THESE "EXAMPLES"

MISS PROSPERITY
PERILOUS VOYAGE
SO FAR
TAXPAYERS
LET IN
CHAINS OF OFFICE
TRIPPED HIM UP
THE VICTOR
SCORES
DELIVER THE GOODS AND
RAPID RISE
SANDY v. SOLLY
DRAMATIC END
NEVER SATISFIED
HE'S AN ASS, SO
SHE LOVES
BRIGHT YOUTH
"FIRE!"
MAKES ME SHUDDER
AUNTIE'S PARROT
SHOCKED EVERYBODY
WIVES
MIXED BLESSING
UNHAPPY HOME
MARVELLOUS AGE
PROBLEM FOR PARENTS
WOMAN'S WISDOM
MADE HIM RICH
DAD BOUGHT A PUB AND
BUSY
ALL THE TIME
LEADING LADY
SHAMMING
HONEST MAN
THROWN AWAY
IN THE DANGER ZONE

### HELP FOR YOU FREE!

If you want to make better *Bullets*, to learn from the experience of past winners and to read a weekly article by *John Bull's* Competition Editor, accept this free offer.

Let "*Bullets*" *Bulletin* be your guide to success. It can be yours every Thursday for the mere halfpenny postage, together with *John Bull's* helpful *Crossword Gazette* and *Passing Show's* cheery *Couplets Courier*.

### POST THIS COUPON TO-NIGHT!

I enclose P.O. value sixpence (crossed "& Co." payable to "John Bull") to cover postage on 12 consecutive issues of "*Bullet's*" *Bulletin*, commencing with the next available issue.

NAME ______________________

ADDRESS ______________________

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Post to:—"BULLETIN" DEPT., ODHAMS PRESS LTD., 30, BEDFORD ST., LONDON, W.C.2.

*(Do not send this coupon with "Bullets" entry.)*

**READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.**

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed /& Co./. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry. Employees of Odhams Press and their families are not eligible.

The original cheque for £[illegible] awarded to the First Prize-winner in Competition No. [illegible] will be displayed in the window of Mrs. Richardson, 426, Richmond Road, East Twickenham.

NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the chief winners in "Bullets No. 913 usually purchase "John Bull."

**ENTRY-FEE.**—You must enclose a Postal Order with your entry at the rate of 6d. for each coupon submitted. This should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed "& Co." Write your name and address with date of posting on the back of the Postal Order.

**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________
**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________

**(913)** Closin SAT., Oct. 28
P.O. No. ____________
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.
Signed ______________________
Address ______________________

"Bullets" must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words.

**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________
**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________

**(913)** Closing SAT., Oct. 28
P.O. No. ____________
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.
Signed ______________________
Address ______________________

**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________
**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________

**(913)** Closing SAT., Oct. 28
P.O. No. ____________
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced an this page. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed ______________________
Address ______________________

Write name and full address on coupon.

**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________
**EXAMPLE** ______________________
**BULLET** ______________________

**(913)** Closing SAT., Oct. 28
P.O. No. ____________
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.
Signed ______________________
Address ______________________

If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

☞ Address Entry: "Bullets" No. 913, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

## 1,250 XMAS PRIZES COMING NEXT WEEK!

JOHN BULL Vol. LIV. 1427. October 21, 1933.

# JOHN BULL

"I bought this Sandom last Season . . . so the question of a new Overcoat won't worry me for a while!"

"They don't need to advertise Sandom to me; I bought my first Sandom years ago; I wouldn't dream of buying any other Overcoat!"

## Buy a Sandom Stylecoat this season

*like every owner of a Sandom, you'll be utterly satisfied*

This advertisement is not addressed to men who have already owned a Sandom Stylecoat. We know we can depend upon their custom so long as we maintain Sandom's standard of fine quality and workmanship, excellent style and sound value for money. Sandom Stylecoats are made by a firm which has stuck to one policy for nearly a century . . . the policy of giving *the greatest possible value always.*

The Sandom is a West End Overcoat in everything but cost. Sandom Stylecoats are available in all the latest and approved styles, in a wide selection of cloths. They are made in so complete a range of fittings as to ensure you a perfect and immediate fit. Obtainable from the best men's outfitters, or write to Dept. J.B., 38, Wood St., London, E.C.2, for booklet and name of your nearest agent.

*simply say* **SANDOM** *"It's a great coat!"*

42/- 63/- **50/-** *Also* SANDOM "SUPER" 84/-

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